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Cision® Acquires PRIME Research

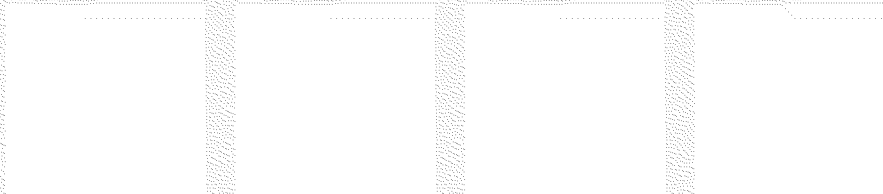
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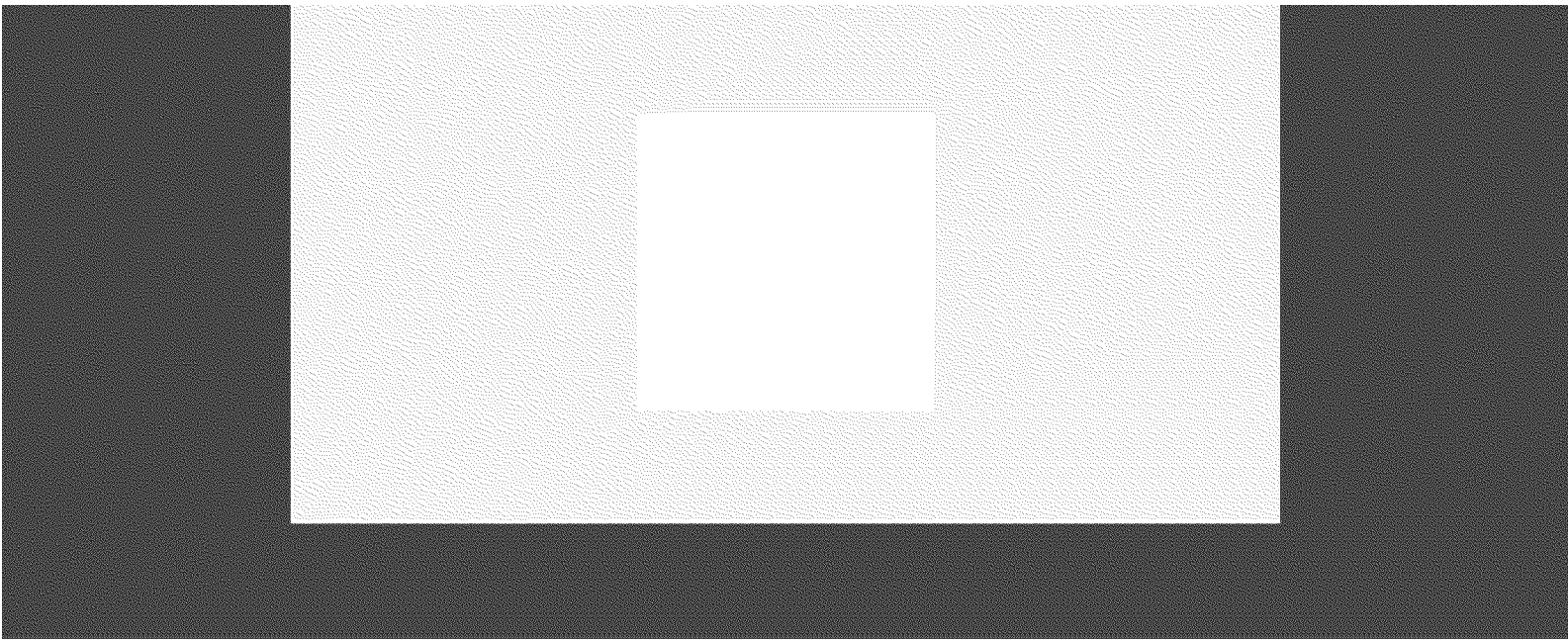
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Subject: RE: Cision® acquires PRIME Research, enhancing Cision Communications Cloud® capabilities

Would tomorrow work? Thanks ng

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Subject: Re: Cision® acquires PRIME Research, enhancing Cision Communications Cloud® capabilities

Hi Nancy - just looking to see if you still want to connect this week or if we should wait till next week.

Let me know and Happy New Year!
-Greg

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From: Greg D'Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:04:50 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: Cision® acquires PRIME Research, enhancing Cision Communications Cloud® capabilities

Sure thing Nancy. When do you have time to discuss this week? I'm in both tomorrow and Friday.

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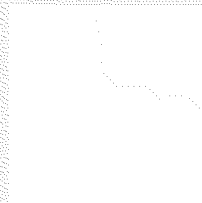
From: Grantham, Nancy
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To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Cision® acquires PRIME Research, enhancing Cision Communications Cloud® capabilities

This is good news as they include real time monitoring which was a feature of definers.

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Cision® Acquires PRIME Research

Hello Nancy,

I am excited to announce that *Cision® has signed a definitive agreement to acquire PRIME Research*, a global leader in media

measurement services – enhancing Cision's role as a leader of software and services for communications professionals. This acquisition furthers Cision's goal of becoming the one-stop provider for brands who want to identify their ideal influencers, craft engaging campaigns, and attribute meaningful value to those campaigns. It also bolsters the business value of the Cision Communications Cloud®, our all-in-one platform for communicators.

Combining the expertise of the two companies will improve our ability to help communicators transform their overall media mix to deliver greater value and, of increasing importance, better measure the ROI of their earned media efforts. Some of the largest brands in the world rely on both Cision and PRIME to deliver on that measurement challenge.

PRIME is a global company with offices in Europe, North American and Asia-Pacific. They have over 500 clients and service some of the world's most prestigious brands such as MasterCard, Jaguar and Honda. They bring to Cision additional capabilities with respect to real-time monitoring and analysis across digital, print, TV, and online news. It also includes a wide range of social media outlets, including Twitter, Facebook, Google+, YouTube, blogs, forums, WeChat and Weibo. PRIME provides clients with a highly customizable dashboard for their news and media monitoring 24 hours a day. In addition to its global reach, PRIME has deep industry expertise across many different verticals including, automotive, retail and technology. The IP and know-how developed through gaining expertise within these verticals will be made available to all Cision customers.

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Sent: Mon 2/12/2018 10:20:57 PM
Subject: FW: Questions about EPA morale

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Questions about EPA morale

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:30 PM
To: 'Fimrite, Peter' <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Here is another interview you can pull from.

- <http://news3lv.com/news/local/epa-chief-scott-pruitt-goes-one-on-one-with-news-3>

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:27 PM
To: 'Fimrite, Peter' <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

In terms of these additional questions, we have addressed them in interviews with The New York Times and CBS News and you can pull your answers from them.

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/02/podcasts/the-daily/scott-pruitt-epa.html>
- <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/scott-pruitt-talks-with-major-garrett-full-interview/>

There was a lot of work from various people to get you the answers to your questions. We look forward to reading your story!

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Any chance I could talk to Scott Pruitt? I need him to explain his philosophy, why he is doing what he is doing, ie: how the EPA had been weaponized in the past to choose winners and losers; how superfund sites have languished because of a lack of decision making; that climate change cannot be regulated because it was not part of the original mission; why it is important for him to streamline the agency. Even a statement from him or a series of quotes I could use along these lines would be helpful if he's not available.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 10:00 AM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

The answers with my names next to them are on the record. The tea leaves is not but let me see if I can get that approved. Does that work?

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]

Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 12:58 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Are your comments below off the record or can I quote you on any of them? You have them in quotes with your name attached. I would like to quote a couple of those answers. Also, I'm hearing that Region 9 will be facing a 10 percent personnel reduction by the end of fiscal year 2018, according to goals laid out by the EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Can you confirm this for me?

I definitely would like to tell about the actions of Congress rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals. Can you give me some idea about what the budget passed last night means for the EPA in terms of cuts?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 6:26 AM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Peter –

Off-the-record, in regards to budget proposals would just remind you that this morning the Senate passed a two-year budget that will fund the government. Rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals, believe your readers would like to know the action that Congress has taken, which includes passing a budget that again funds the entire government for the next two years.

- **Today, Friday, February 9, 2018, Congress Passed A Budget That Will Fund The Government For The Next Two Years.** "After a temporary lapse in government funding that lasted through the night, Congress passed a pricey two-year spending deal early Friday that will also fund the government for an additional six weeks. The government temporarily closed after Congress failed to pass a government funding bill before a midnight deadline due to the objections of one senator, shutting down non-essential government services. In the end, a bipartisan cohort of lawmakers supported the \$400 billion agreement. Shortly after 1:30 a.m. ET, the Senate voted, 71-28, to approve a two-year spending bill that would reopen the government, and the House passed it at 5:30 a.m. with the support of 240 members. Trump tweeted Wednesday morning that he had signed the bill, officially ending the brief shutdown." ([NBC News](#), 02/09/18)

Additionally, **below are some on-the-record responses** to your questions. Some of these answers took a while to find and we hope that you will be able to use as much as possible.

Jahan

From: Fimrite, Peter [mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:54 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Thanks for getting back to me. Here are some questions and issues I'd like to have addressed:

The folks I've talked to say morale is as low as it has ever been at Region 9 and that many long time employees have been taking early retirement, buyouts or quitting as a result, mostly, in response to what they say is a de-emphasis on science and environmental protection, the core work of the EPA.

- **“From Administrator Pruitt’s focus on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites, his leadership during the government shutdown that kept the agency open and paid every employee, to EPA’s Region 9 where just 11 employees took an early retirement and nearly a quarter of the employees are working despite being eligible to retire, morale is great at EPA.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Three former employees and another current one say the office is short staffed, that Superfund sites have been prioritized, with some now on the back burner, and that the words “climate change” were scrubbed from contracts and grants, a form of censorship.

- **“Administrator Pruitt has placed a renewed focused on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites. We are reviewing every grant and 99.84 percent of all grants have been awarded.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Another complaint is that industry and business metrics have been brought in to change the culture of the office and downsize and streamline environmental regulation.

- **“Administrator Pruitt is proud to streamline regulations, which is creating regulatory certainty.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many have told me off the record that they are scared to say anything and generally speak with each other in winks and whispers or out of the office because they fear being exposed by the consulting firm Definers Public Affairs, which they say has spent the past year investigating agency employees critical of the Trump administration and Pruitt. Is this true?

- **“No this is not accurate. Like any government agency, all EPA employees are subjected to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and in terms of the FOIAs nearly all are aimed at political, not career employees.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many are also critical of the fact that the two people considered for the administrator job both worked in the oil, gas or mining industry. Can you confirm that Ryan Flynn and Chris Paul were considered for the position. How is the search for a new administrator going and what are you looking for in the leader?

- **“We don’t discuss who have been or not been interviewed for the Region 9 Administrator or any other position. The Administration is carefully considering many highly qualified candidates for Region 9 and will announce another great regional administrator soon.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:26 PM

To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>

Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Call me or send me specific examples and I will do my best to address them.

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Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Will handle.

From: Fimrite, Peter [<mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions about EPA morale

I'm working on a story about all the changes occurring at the EPA and the effect it has had on employees in the various regions, particularly region 9. I was hoping for a comment from the administration or a spokesman. Please call me at 415-777-8454.

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Subject: keith -- got your message -- please talk with kimberly -- definers has asked that we cancel the contract

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Please call me – as I need to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Subject: Weekly Report 12.22.2017

Happy Holidays Everyone!
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Region 1

Hot Issues

Lead Action Levels Exceeded in Four Massachusetts Communities

- Region 1 was informed by the Massachusetts DEP that four large community systems exceed the drinking water lead action level of 15 ppb.
- The communities of Melrose, Medford, Winthrop and Quincy are all served by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA).
- Region 1 will help MA DEP **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
- Issues to be discussed include **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Chinese Delegation Visits Region 1 to Learn about U.S. Enforcement of Environmental Laws

- Region 1 welcomed a group of 25 Chinese officials from the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) and local environmental bureaus.
- The delegation met with staff to learn how environmental laws and regulations are enforced and how violations are identified and litigated.
- The meeting was a part of a two-week study tour to learn about U.S. experience in enforcement and compliance to achieve environmental protection.

Upcoming Public Events

None.

Upcoming Major Decisions

None.

Highlights from last week

Vineyard Wind Submits Notice of Intent for 800 MW Offshore Wind Farm

- On Dec. 11 Vineyard Wind submitted a notice of intent to submit a Clean Air Act preconstruction permit application within 18 months, pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) regulations.
- The 800 MW proposed project will help satisfy the Massachusetts state law requiring utilities to purchase up to 1,600 MW of electricity from offshore wind farms by 2027.
- EPA will be the permitting authority and, consistent with Clean Air Act OCS regulations, will initiate a consistency review of applicable regulations in the corresponding onshore area that will be published in the Federal Register.

Region 1 and MA DEP Conduct Lead & Copper Rule Training

- MA DEP, with the assistance of Region 1's Lead and Copper Rule expert, conducted one day training workshops in each of the state's four DEP Regions on December 8, 11, 13, and 21. Approximately 120 water suppliers were trained.

- In preparation for the workshops, Region 1 conducted a “train the trainer” workshop on November 14 for Mass DEP staff.
- Workshop topics included new LCR protocols, testing in schools, consumer notification requirements, corrosion control treatment, and setting water quality parameters.

Region 1 Conducts Community Stormwater Webinar

- On Dec. 14 Region 1 provided technical assistance to 181 participants through the Soak Up the Rain New England Webinar: Engaging Urban Residents: Innovative Approaches to Promoting Community-Based Stormwater Management. Participants were from government agencies, NGO’s (mostly watershed associations), and academic institutions.

Region 2**Hot Issues:**

Hurricane Irma/Maria: Close to half of the residents in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands remain without electric power, and this remains a major obstacle to improvements in other areas, including proper management of wastewater and providing drinking water to residents. Use of generators is widespread, but there are frequent failures because the units are not suited to such extended operation. Nevertheless, EPA is making good progress on our mission assignments. To date we have collected over 83,000 household hazardous waste and orphan containers, e-waste items and white goods (for extraction of refrigerant); and we are managing large quantities of medical waste in the USVI. The US Coast Guard has also started removing sunken and stranded vessels, and EPA is managing the oil and hazardous materials from those boats. EPA remains on standby to provide air monitoring in the event that either PR or the USVI authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to carry out air curtain incineration of vegetative debris. In the USVI the question of whether or not to do such burning has become a matter of considerable public controversy. The Corps has advised the USVI government that it will very soon run out of space to stockpile debris – particularly the very large amount of vegetative debris – and will need to terminate collection operations if no decision on how to manage the material is made. There is a lawsuit pending to prohibit the air curtain incineration (ACI) of vegetative debris in the USVI. All ACI operations have been stopped until the legal actions are resolved. In PR, the local government is also wary of ACI operations, anticipating strong negative public reaction to such a plan. Regional Administrator Pete Lopez and regional senior staff met on Dec. 20 with Tania Vasquez, head of Puerto Rico's Environmental Quality Board; this issue was among the main topics of discussion.

Dewey Loeffel: On Dec 12, Rensselaer County passed a law limiting the discharge of 1,4-dioxane to 0.35 parts per billion (ppb) from properties that are owned by the County that are also designated as a Superfund site. The only site that meets these criteria is the Dewey Loeffel site. The most recent treated effluent result available for 1,4-dioxane (collected on Nov. 29, 2017) was 0.36 ppb. The data were posted on the Dewey Loeffel webpage on Thursday, Dec 14 and no inquiries were received. The treated effluent results for Dec. 6 are expected by Dec 20 and will be posted on the webpage later this week.

Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic -- Litigation Update: On December 15, 2017 the court granted EPA an extension to answer/otherwise respond to the complaint, while the court considers EPA's motion to stay this litigation. EPA now has to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before January 17, 2017.

Past Week:

Delaware River Basin Commission Proposed Hydrofracking Rules: On December 18, Region 2 participated on a conference call with Headquarters offices and Region 3 to coordinate EPA's response to the proposed DRBC hydrofracking rules. We agreed that

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In addition, Regions 2 and 3 will determine how

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EPA assists in navigating air requirements for proposed natural gas pipeline: EPA hosted a meeting on December 12 to coordinate the federal and state general conformity review for the proposed Northeast Supply Expansion natural gas pipeline project. The meeting focused on ensuring that Transco, the private company constructing the pipeline, and the agencies at the federal and state levels, are clear on the next steps for the general conformity analysis. We identified some data gaps and challenges associated with process and schedule. Some details remain to be worked out, including

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Transco intends to fund clean air projects at the Port of New York and New Jersey in order to offset project emissions.

Court Enters Consent Decree Resolving RCRA, CAA, and CWA Violations by Homeca

Recycling Center Co. On 12/18/17, the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico entered EPA's Consent Decree (CD) with Homeca. The CD resolves our claims against Homeca for alleged violations of RCRA, CWA, and CAA rules at three different facilities located in Caguas, Ponce Playa and Hormigueros, PR. EPA has direct implementation responsibility for these rules in Puerto Rico. The alleged violations resulted from past releases of fluids from crushing cars at the facilities, the release of ozone-depleting substances into the air, and the runoff of contaminated storm water from the facilities to the Rio Grande de Loiza and the Caribbean Sea. The settlement requires Homeca to pay a \$50,000 civil penalty in two installments, and to implement various practices as injunctive relief to help the facilities maintain compliance with the applicable regulations.

Upcoming:

Consent Agreement and Final Order (CA/FO) against the Town of North Hempstead: Region 2 will is

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Town agreed to pay a penalty of \$49,500 and to perform two Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) valued at \$90,000. The SEPs are: 1) Continuous monitoring release detection for all tanks it owns and/or operates (\$50,000); and 2) an infiltration basin system which will divert storm water runoff and thus keep pollution from entering the waterways (\$40,000). The continuous monitoring release detection system will also help the Town maintain and monitor its tanks to prevent leaks and loss of product. Although the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) does not have State Program Approval for USTs, under its own state authority it has delegated its UST authority to five counties including Nassau County. Region 2 worked with NYSDEC and Nassau County to bring the Town of North Hempstead into compliance with RCRA Subtitle I.

Region 3

Hot Issues

DOJ/EPA Region III File Consent Decree with ArcelorMittal Monessen, PADEP, and PennEnvironment to Resolve Alleged CAA Violations

On December 20, 2017, DOJ, on behalf of Region III, lodged a Consent Decree to implement a settlement with ArcelorMittal Monessen LLC (AMM) to correct alleged CAA violations at its coke plant in Monessen, PA, a facility that produces coke (purified coal) for eventual use in steel mills. The settlement also resolves claims against AMM made by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and PennEnvironment, an environmental group representing neighbors of the plant. The settlement is expected to reduce harmful emissions from the company's coke plant by a total of more than 125 tons per year (tpy) of sulfur dioxide and 50 tpy of particulate matter. Among the requirements of the Consent Decree, the company must install additional monitoring equipment, implement various work plans to improve work practices, conduct studies of existing plant equipment and operations, and perform a demonstration project to control emissions during planned maintenance outages at the facility's desulfurization plant. ArcelorMittal will spend approximately \$2 million on air pollution controls/improved work practices at the plant and also pay a civil penalty of \$1.5 million, which will be split between the federal and state agencies. At the same time, DOJ filed a Complaint in Intervention in the pending citizen suit brought by PennEnvironment for similar alleged CAA violations.

Final Close Out Report (FCOR) Signed for Recticon/Allied Steel Superfund Site

On December 15, 2017, Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio signed the Final Close Out Report (FCOR) for the Recticon/Allied Steel Superfund Site. The FCOR documents that EPA has determined that all appropriate remedial actions at Site have been completed. Operation and maintenance, institutional controls and Five-Year Reviews are no longer required and no further Superfund response is necessary to protect human health and the environment at the Site. The Site is projected for deletion from the National Priorities List by September 30, 2018.

Vapor Intrusion Investigation Conducted at Chem Fab Superfund Site, Doylestown, Pennsylvania

During the week of December 11, 2017, the Site Team and their contractor conducted a vapor intrusion (VI) investigation at ten residences in the Westwyk community of Doylestown, PA. The VI investigation was conducted because of the presence of groundwater contamination underneath the community. The investigation involved collection of both indoor air and subslab samples in the residences. Analytical results of the sampling are expected to be available in approximately two months. At that time a more extensive VI investigation will be conducted across the entire community, which could involve up to 200 homes. The Site Team has conducted VI investigations at the Site previously, although these have primarily involved testing the subslab and indoor air at the former Chem Fab facility. A vapor mitigation system was installed at the facility as a result of the previous investigations.

Drinking Water Sampling associated with the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress (Oceana Naval Air Station) Planned for February 2018, Chesapeake, Virginia

In February 2016, the Navy sampled off-base private drinking water wells for PFAS compounds at residential properties surrounding the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress. Results indicated that drinking water obtained from wells at two properties exceeded the EPA preliminary health advisory levels for PFAS compounds. Navy installed in-home drinking water well treatment systems at the affected residences. The Navy also installed additional off-base monitoring wells to further delineate the groundwater plume migration. Two of the monitoring wells detected PFAS exceeding the EPA Lifetime Health Advisory, indicating further plume migration. The Navy is planning a second round of drinking water well sampling for residents in the vicinity of NALF Fentress in February 2018 which will include approximately 60 additional properties.

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Brownfields Area-Wide Plan Completed in Huntington, West Virginia

During this fall, Huntington completed its Brownfields Area-Wide Plan (AWP) after two years of gathering input from the community including manufacturing operations, businesses, and Marshall University. The AWP focused on three catalyst sites along the Ohio River where there was a coal shipping operation. When redeveloped, these sites will spur further revitalization throughout the city. Marshall University plans to expand its campus to one of the catalyst sites for a minor league ball field hoping to attract a team. An adjacent manufacturer is planning investing \$1 million in a second catalyst site to expand their operations and create an incubator for new manufacturing businesses. The Appalachian Regional Commission, state and county agencies have been approached and are in the process of reviewing Huntington's requests for additional funds. Huntington also received an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant that they are using to ascertain if there are any hazardous substances on these sites and what would be needed to clean them up. Altogether, Huntington is on the path to redevelopment that incorporates green infrastructure and other environmental measures.

Upcoming Public Events

No upcoming events to report for next week.

Past Events

Regional Administrator to Participate in Chesapeake Bay Program Principals' Staff Committee meeting

EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio will represent EPA and the other federal partners as a member of the Principals' Staff Committee meeting December 19-20, 2017 in Cambridge, Md. CBP Director Nick DiPasquale and Deputy Director Jim Edward and other EPA staff will also participate in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to focus on helping PSC members build an understanding and answering questions on key Midpoint Assessment and Phase III WIP issues, as well as seek collective decisions on foundational Midpoint Assessment issues including:

- 1) Adoption of the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools for finalizing the draft Phase III planning targets and for management application in the Phase III WIPs and two-year milestones through 2025
- 2) Approval of the proposed Bay's assimilative capacity
- 3) Approval of the process for the 4-month Partnership review of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets, including how special cases are addressed
- 4) Approval to base Phase III WIP development on 2025 current zoning conditions
- 5) Approval of the draft Phase III WIP planning targets as a starting point of the 4-month Partnership review period
- 6) Develop a Partnership implementation plan to address Conowingo infill by 2025
- 7) Adopt a dual approach to factor climate change into the Phase III WIPs

Region 4

Hot Issues

Rockwell International/Grenada Manufacturing, LLC (Grenada, MS)

Key Message: During the week of December 25, 2017, Region 4 anticipates: **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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None

Region 5**HOT ISSUES:****EPA Coordinating with Michigan on Wolverine Enforcement Approach**

Key Message: On December 21, 2017, EPA and the state of Michigan presented to Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (WWW) a proposed approach to investigation, sampling, analysis, and provision of alternate water at the Wolverine sites.

The coordinated approach includes the negotiation of two separate orders with EPA and Michigan by mid-January 2018: a) an administrative order on consent between WWW and Michigan under state Part 201 and Part 31 authorities that addresses PFAS and provision of alternate water, and b) an administrative order on consent between WWW and EPA under CERCLA Section 106 authorities for investigation, sampling, and analysis at the Tannery and House Street landfill. EPA's deadline for WWW to give an indication of interest in negotiations is close of business December 21. Region 5 plans to sample groundwater and drinking water for PFAS at several locations in Rockford, Michigan the week of December 25, 2017, including at the former Tannery, the House Street landfill, and at residences with filters installed.

Since 2012, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has had the lead in addressing arsenic and chromium contamination at Wolverine's former Tannery under a state "other cleanup authority (OCA)" alternative. PFAS contamination at the site came to light earlier in 2017. Since then, WWW has identified numerous residential wells impacted by PFAS at concentrations above EPA's lifetime health advisory of 70 parts per trillion – presumably from waste generated by WWW's operations using Scotchgard™, which contained PFAS compounds. WWW potentially used as many as 95 disposal locations for its wastes. Since late summer 2017, WWW has been voluntarily providing alternate drinking water or installing whole-house water filters to some of the impacted residents with PFAS-contaminated drinking water, but EPA has concerns about filter efficacy and the sampling method used to analyze PFAS drinking water samples.

On October 20, 2017, citizens living near the WWW facilities submitted a revised citizen suit notice under RCRA Section 7002(a)(1)(B) (imminent hazard). EPA issued a follow-up CERCLA Section 104(e) information request to WWW on December 1, 2017, to better understand its factory operations, waste handling and disposal operations, and the procedures that are being used to test residents' drinking water and remediate higher concentrations of PFAS. The contamination has been reported on in national and local media and has been of great concern to the local community.

Indiana Harbor Coke Company in East Chicago, Indiana Signs Consent Decree

Key Message: Indiana Harbor Coke Company (IHCC) and Cokenergy, LLC, owners and operators of the Indiana Harbor Coke Company Facility signed a federal consent decree with EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management last week to resolve outstanding Clean Air Act violations.

In several notices of violation, EPA has alleged that the companies exceeded bypass venting, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, and lead limits in their federal operating permits, failed to stop leaking coke oven doors as required by the National Emissions Standards for Coke Oven Batteries, exceeded numerous opacity limits, and many other violations. Under the settlement, the companies will spend around \$120 million in injunctive relief to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, lead, and volatile organic compounds. The companies will pay a civil penalty of \$5.0 million (\$2.5M to the state of Indiana). In addition, Cokenergy will spend \$250,000 on a lead abatement supplemental environmental project in East Chicago. There has been significant press and community interest into EPA's investigation and we expect further interest following lodging of the decree. IHCC is a subsidiary of SunCoke, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NONE

UPCOMING MAJOR DECISIONS:

NONE

PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS:

EPA Removal at Abandoned Plating Facility in St. Paul, Minnesota Completed

Key Message: On December 21, 2017, EPA completed a time-critical removal action, reducing threats to public health and the environment, at the Plating Inc. site.

Since mobilizing in August, EPA secured over 20,000 gallons of hazardous acids and caustics; removed damaged asbestos-containing materials; and pumped approximately 9,700 gallons of waste liquids into tanker trucks for disposal off-site. EPA recovered pooled, liquid waste from under the waste treatment lines and recovered caustic liquids released into floor trenches in the building. Equipment and structural components used during processing were decontaminated and EPA worked diligently to recycle or reuse materials whenever possible. Consolidated hazardous materials that could not be recycled were transported to RCRA/CERCLA approved disposal facilities.

The Plating Inc. site is located at a former industrial facility that specialized in zinc and chromate plating of aluminum. The abandoned building where operations occurred is located in a mixed-use residential, commercial area as well as a nearby city park. Throughout the cleanup, EPA conducted air monitoring in the building and at the perimeter to ensure that residents and nearby business occupants were not exposed during the removal process. EPA partnered with Ramsey County and the city of St. Paul to utilize an emergency notification system that would alert nearby residents by land-line, text message, and email in case of an emergency at the site. The notifications included evacuation and shelter in place instructions in the event of a hazardous chemical release at the site. Additionally, EPA maintained night and weekend building security for the entirety of the removal action.

Region 6

I am also pleased to report that yesterday's meetings with Governor Hutchinson and Arkansas DEQ officials were productive and positive.

UPCOMING HOT ISSUES AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

December 21, 2017

Lazarus Refinery II, LLC, Longview, Texas

EPA intends to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy Company, Addis, Louisiana; Borger and Big Spring, Texas

EPA expects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Columbian Chemicals Company, Franklin, Louisiana

EPA expects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Orion Engineered Carbons, Borger, Texas

EPA expects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Jicarilla Apache Tribal Nation, Dulce, New Mexico

EPA intends to

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 This water system failed to sample at the approved sampling location and will be in violation until the next sample is collected at the correct location.

LACC, LLC US, Ethylene and Derivatives Plant, Westlake, Louisiana

Louisiana granted EPA an extension until January 12, 2018 for the purposes of LDEQ working with the permittee to address EPA concerns. Construction for this new ethylene and derivatives manufacturing facility is ongoing. The preliminary draft permit proposes to

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

NEPA

DOE Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Bryan Mount, Texas; Big Hill, Texas; West Hackberry, Louisiana; Bayou Choctaw, Louisiana

The Department of Energy intends to

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

The Reserve currently operates and maintains deep underground storage caverns created in salt domes along the Gulf Coast region at Bryan Mount Texas, Big Hill Texas, West Hackberry Louisiana and Bayou Choctaw Louisiana. Region 6 will support the DOE by meeting our basic statutory requirements for participating in the environmental review process.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

January 9 – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality discussion on Oil & Gas Compliance and Enforcement Efforts, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

January 10 – Region 6 State Agricultural Director Meeting, Dallas, Texas

January 17 – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality discussion on Oil & Gas Compliance and Enforcement Efforts, Austin, Texas

January 23 – National Oil and Gas Roundtable, Denver, Colorado

January 24 – National Air Quality Conference, Austin, Texas

January 30 – Region 6 Five State Drinking Water Meeting, Dallas, Texas

April 11 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Dallas, Texas

UPCOMING DECISIONS

Bird Creek, Osage County, Oklahoma

EPA intends to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma

EPA expects to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Tribes in Oklahoma are required by Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005 (“SAFETEA”) §10211(b) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission End-of-Year Report

EPA intends to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Arkansas Memorandum of Understanding

EPA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to outline a mutually agreed timeline with Arkansas for submittal and review of Arkansas Regional Haze SIP revisions.

Louisiana Regional Haze

EPA took final action on all outstanding requirements for the Louisiana Regional Haze Program which was under Consent Decree deadline of December 15, 2017.

TCEQ Exceptional Events Demonstration, El Paso, Texas

EPA approved the El Paso Exceptional Event demonstration presented by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

PENDING ACTIONS (Pending Federal Register Publication)

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Region 7**Hot Issues****Westlake Landfill (Bridgeton, MO)**

Key Message: Work continues on Westlake Landfill documents

- Major components of the Final Feasibility Study (FFS) are anticipated to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- Calls were made to key stakeholders this week to inform them that EPA is additionally considering the full excavation with on-site disposal option to ensure that the FFS includes a broad suite of remedial alternatives to make the most protective remedy selection. Community stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback to the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) in advance of the Board discussion scheduled January 9. The Region is also preparing the initial set of briefing documents to be submitted to the NRRB this Friday which includes a response to comments the Board provided subsequent to the panel review in 2012.
- Next week, the Region will be focused on reviewing the FFS submittals from the PRPs including any new documentation that arrives next week.

Des Moines TCE Superfund Site (Dico Inc.)

Key Message: EPA and DOJ request to meet with Dico.

- On 11/22/17, EPA sent a response letter to the Potentially Responsible Party of the Des Moines TCE Superfund Site (Dico Inc.) agreeing to delay the finalization of the Action Memo for building demolition on the site for four months with qualifiers. On 12/12/17, EPA received a response from Dico to EPA's 11/22 letter in which Dico expressed a desire to discuss a sampling proposed in EPA's 11/22 letter and to enter into global settlement negotiations with the United States. In response, EPA and DOJ have expressed a desire to meet with Dico to discuss these issues in the near future. It is anticipated **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Madison County Superfund Site Redevelopment Interest (Anschutz Mine Tailing Site)

Key Message: Meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018 to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

- EPA is continuing to coordinate with MDNR and Environmental Operations Inc (EOI) who is interested in purchasing a portion of the Madison County Mines NPL Superfund Site for cobalt production. EPA is currently **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- Options under consideration are **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Region 8

-No report submitted-

Region 9**URGENT/IMPORTANT ITEMS**

CA WILDFIRES: today I convened a discussion with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to inform EPA's expanded role in asbestos assessment and removal for the four No. California counties.

We expect to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

We have bilingual information available to the public and plan further communications next week. In So. California, we are supporting the State's response with three OSCs based in Ventura.

NAVAJO NATION: President Begaye has written to the Administrator seeking prompt approval of TAS for two pending matters – the addition of 12-13 drinking water systems to their existing drinking water program primacy, and their pending application for water-quality standards authority (CWA 303/401 TAS). We stand ready to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Regarding the water-quality standards request, we're **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Lastly, re the WIIN Act-funded water quality monitoring program, we expect **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Of the tasks collectively identified at the October meeting with states and tribes, AZ DEQ has opted not to apply for any of these funds.

DRINKING WATER: our in-depth review of our states' lead-and-copper rule implementation has revealed **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

BROWNFIELDS: over 70 people attended our two brownfields community events in Fresno to focus on revitalizing an underserved neighborhood. The City, Habitat for Humanity, EPA and other partners also hosted training for community leaders, and a special Saturday session for local youth to present their photos of the area and envision the possibilities for renewal.

PAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTSCAA SIP ACTIONS: I proposed **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5****Deliberative Process / Ex. 5****Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**I also proposed **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5****Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: we welcome Reg. 8's Comptroller Ben Bielenberg for a one-month detail as Reg. 9's acting Comptroller. Ben has a welcome depth of experience as Comptroller, Regional Budget Officer and Regional Planner in recent years. In February, we'll be assisted by Reg. 8's Budget Officer Joe Poetter for a one-month detail. He'll be followed by OCFO's Sherri Anthony for the month of March. We are deeply grateful to Reg. 8 and OCFO for their support as we seek to build a strong financial management capability.

Region 10

Hot Issues

Pebble Limited Partnership Will Submit Permit Application December 22 (AK): The Pebble Limited Partnership issued a news release indicating its plans to submit federal Clean Water Act permit application for the Proposed Pebble Mine on December 22. This application will trigger the environmental review process. This week the company also announced a new major Canadian investor. <https://www.alaskapublic.org/2017/12/21/pebble-announces-federal-permit-application/>

Alaska's List of Impaired Water Bodies Out for Public Comment: On December 15, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation released its 2014/2016 Integrated Report for public comment. The comment period is open until January 29, 2018. Most notable are the proposed Category 5 impairment listings for the Kenai and the Little Susitna Rivers for turbidity, and a proposed Category 4b listing for the Little Susitna for petroleum hydrocarbons. The Little Susitna has not previously been listed as impaired. These listings have the potential to be controversial, because the suspected causes of the turbidity impairments are fishing guide boats, which provide a significant revenue source for the state. EPA and ADEC have both been contacted by stakeholders, and anticipate we may be again. Region 10 has already contacted by the media regarding the release of the report (<http://peninsulaclarion.com/news/local/2017-12-18/state-feds-determine-next-steps-after-turbidity-report>).

Upcoming Public Events

Public Hearing on Underground Injection Control Class II Well Transfer to EPA (ID): On January 8th, EPA will host a public hearing in Boise, Idaho as requested, to provide information on the UIC Class II program transfer that was announced in the Federal Register in November. This is a voluntary transfer requested by the state of Idaho. Public comments will be accepted at the hearing, and also on Regulations.Gov until the 45-day comment period closes on January 11, 2018. A fact sheet has been developed to provide context and answer FAQs from the public.

Region 10 News Release: EPA provides \$650K for diesel reductions from Seattle-area vessels: On January 8, Region 10 will

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The PSCAA's Puget Sound Harbor Vessel Engine Replacement Program provides long-lasting emission reductions and public health benefits to a region whose air quality is significantly impacted by the large heavy diesel vessel fleet.

Region 10 to Speak on Federalism Panel at Idaho State Bar Meeting: On January 12th, the Idaho State Bar Association is hosting a conference entitled, "Exploring State and Federal Conflicts and Cooperation." Region 10's Idaho Operations Office Director will represent EPA on a panel at the conference which will focus on: "Working Together Under Federal Pollution Prevention Laws: State

and Federal Perspectives.” The other speakers on the panel are IDEQ Director John Tippetts and Deputy AG Lisa Carlson.

Upcoming Major Decisions

None to report this week

Last Week Highlights

EPA and Oregon DEQ Move Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Forward: On December 19, Region 10 issued a news release announcing significant progress on the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup including important agreements with responsible parties for site-wide baseline sampling that will guide future cleanup and for early action hot spot cleanups. We received excellent press coverage of the announcement. News release here: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-oregon-deq-move-portland-harbor-superfund-cleanup-forward>

Portland and Oregon Health Authority Sign Compliance Agreement for Treatment and Monitoring of Cryptosporidium in Drinking Water: On December 18 the Oregon Health Authority and the Portland Water Bureau signed a Bilateral Compliance Agreement which establishes a 10-year compliance schedule to construct a filtration treatment plant for cryptosporidium. Treatment is required to comply with EPA’s Long Term Treatment drinking water rule. PWB will continue to implement interim measures for watershed protection and meet the Public Notice requirements in the LT2 regulations. PWB will also maintain response protocols with OHA, EPA and local health officials to evaluate any cryptosporidium detections to ensure protection of public health while the filtration plant is being constructed. The most recent detections for cryptosporidium occurred on December 17th and 18th.

Gasoline Tanker Spill in Santiam River, Oregon: On December 15th, a road tanker truck carrying 11,500 gallons of gasoline rolled over, caught fire, and spill gasoline into the Santiam River. Gasoline odors were detected at least six miles downstream at the nearest town of Detroit, Oregon. Many local and state responders immediately deployed to the accident location. Downstream drinking water users were immediately notified to shut down their surface water intakes until the river water could be deemed safe for consumption. EPA Region 10 immediately deployed an On-Scene Coordinator and rapidly notified the natural resource trustees and three impacted tribes of the incident. Once the EPA OSC arrived on-scene and formed Unified Command with the responding agencies, priorities were developed to prevent further contamination of the river, clean-up contaminated soil from the roadway, assess and reopen the surface water intakes for the downstream drinking water sources, and get the highway reopened. Multiple rounds of water quality samples were collected from the five drinking water intakes as well as ambient air conditions was assessed both up and downstream of the accident location. Preliminary results all indicate that the air and water were safe for the public.

Office of Administration and Resources Management

Hot Issues

OSC certification

OARM is providing verification to the Office of Special Counsel of the agency's compliance with 5 U.S.C. 2302(c). The certification program allows federal agencies to confirm they've met the statutory obligation to inform their workforces about the rights and remedies available to them under the prohibited personnel practice and whistleblower retaliation protection provisions found therein.

Upcoming Public Events

None

Upcoming Major Decisions

None

Last Week's Highlights

Cybersecurity Coding

Cybersecurity coding for all EPA positions in the Department of Interior's Interior Business Center Federal Personnel and Payroll System was completed last week more than 4-months ahead of OPM's deadline of April 2018.

Office of Air and Radiation

Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines

- **OAR actions under review at OMB:**
 - Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emission Guidelines (EG) – Stay Notices
 - Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications Approach – Supplemental Proposal
 - Notice of Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry
- **State Implementation Plan (SIP)-Related Information:** We will resume reporting of SIP information in the January 4, 2018, report

Upcoming Meetings, Public Events, or Other Public Releases

- **Light Duty Vehicle Fuel Economy Trends Report and Greenhouse Gas Performance Report:** EPA is close to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Recap of Past Week

- **Actions signed/announced recently:**
 - Greenhouse Gas Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units - Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 - Refrigerant Management Regulations for Small Cans of Motor Vehicle Refrigerant - Withdrawal of a direct final rule and a new final rulemaking
 - Approval of Louisiana's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Several Parishes in Louisiana
 - Approval of Tennessee's Request to Relax the Federal RVP Gasoline Volatility Standard for Shelby County (Memphis)
 - Notice of Final Action Denying Petition for Rulemaking: Denial of Petition to List Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Under Clean Air Act Section 111
 - Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Grain Sorghum Oil Pathway - Proposed rule
 - 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard Round 3 Designations: EPA designated all remaining areas of the country that did not elect to install new SO₂ air quality monitors.
 - 2015 Ozone Standard Designations: Later today Regional Administrators will issue 120-day letters to Governors outlining EPA's intended designations.

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

| TSCA New Chemicals Determinations | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---|
| | Determination Type | Pending on 12/19/2017 | Determinations Completed ¹ as 12/19/2017 | Determinations Posted on the Website as of 12/19/2017 |
| 1 | # of "not likely" determinations | 1 | 108 ⁴ | 107 ⁴ |
| 2 | # of §5(e) Orders signed by both EPA and the submitter | - | 301 | 297 |
| 3 | # of §5(e) Orders signed by EPA and awaiting submitter signature | 65 | - | - |
| 4 | # of non-Order SNURs/"not likely" determinations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | # of cases in post-FOCUS final determination development ⁵ | 314 ^{3, 5} | - | - |
| 6 | # of cases flagged for in-depth review | 57 | - | - |
| 7 | # of PMNs, SNUNs and MCANs awaiting FOCUS (within 90-day review) | 14 | - | - |
| 8 | # of LVE/LOREX exemption grants | - | 499 | 503 |
| 9 | # of LVE/LOREX exemption denials | - | 101 | 101 |
| 10 | Total number of cases | 451 | 1009 | - |
| 11 | Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program | 300 | - | - |
| 12 | Number of cases undergoing testing or data development by submitter | 74 ³ | - | - |
| 13 | Backlog² | 77 | - | - |

¹"Determinations Completed" means that EPA has completed its reviews on these cases and that final determinations have been made by EPA under TSCA section 5(a)(3).

² (Total number of cases) – (Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program) - (Number of cases undergoing testing or data development) = Backlog

³ Of these cases, approximately 73 are “active” lung toxicity cases that are suspended while submitters conduct testing to develop data on pchem properties and toxicity.

⁴ “Not Likely” determinations are not posted until the final signed determination document is prepared and has been shared with submitter.

⁵ These cases are those for which Post-FOCUS work is underway to develop: not likely determinations; non-Order SNURS coupled with not likely determinations; or section 5(e) or 5(f) Orders. When the OPPT Office Director decides which of these regulatory paths to follow, the case is moved to: Row 3 when the section 5(e) or 5(f) Order is sent to the submitter or signature; Row 4 when the SNUR is published; and Row 1 when the determination document is sent to the OPPT OD for signature.

HOT ISSUES

Neonicotinoid Ecological and Human Health Risk and Benefits Assessments for Public Comment

– On December 15, OPP issued an OPP Update (listserv) to announce the release of the preliminary ecological and human health risk assessments for the neonicotinoid insecticides clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and dinotefuran, and a preliminary ecological risk assessment for imidacloprid, assessing risks to birds, mammals, non-target insects, and plants. OPP also released its response to public comments on the 2014 Benefits of Neonicotinoid Seed Treatment to Soybean Production as well as new cotton and citrus benefits assessments for foliar applications of neonicotinoids. These assessments complement the preliminary pollinator-only risk assessments the Agency published for comment in 2016 and 2017. Preliminary human health and ecological assessments (for aquatic species only) were also released for imidacloprid in 2017. OPP is especially interested in public comment on the benefits assessments for cotton and for citrus, since previous assessments identified potential risks to pollinators from these uses. We believe early input from the public will be helpful in developing possible mitigation options that may be needed to address risks to bees. Among the benefits identified, the neonicotinoids were found to be critical for management of Asian citrus psyllid, which causes citrus greening—a devastating pest for citrus growers—and for control of plant bugs and stink bugs in cotton. OPP has responded to several press inquiries in a timely manner.

Glyphosate – On December 18, OPP issued an OPP Update (listserv) to announce the release of the draft human health and ecological risk assessments for glyphosate on the Web and later on www.regulations.gov (docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361). In early 2018, OPP will open a 60-day public comment period. The ecological risk assessment includes an evaluation of the potential for effects on non-target organisms from exposure to glyphosate, incorporating available exposure and effects data, and most current risk assessment methods. EPA’s analysis indicates that there is a potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. The human health risk assessment includes an evaluation of dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. No risks of concern were identified. Additionally, an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database was performed. The data, including epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies, led EPA to conclude that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. OPP has responded to several press inquiries in a timely manner.

Initiated Rulemaking to Revise Certain Aspects of the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard and the Certification and Training Rule – On December 14, OPP issued an OPP Update (listserv) to announce the initiation of the process to revise certain requirements in the Agricultural Worker

Protection Standard (WPS) and the Certification and Training (C&T) Rule. By the end of FY 2018, EPA expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to solicit public input on proposed revisions to the WPS requirements for minimum ages, designated representatives, and application exclusion zones. The compliance dates in the revised WPS published on November 2, 2015, remain in effect; the Agency does not intend Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Also, EPA initiated a process to revise the minimum age requirements in the C&T rule. EPA expects to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 The implementation dates in the January 4, 2017, final rule, (1) for certifying authorities to submit revised certification plans and (2) for EPA to act on those plans remain in effect; EPA has no plans to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 OPP has responded to several press inquiries in a timely manner.

Adopting 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes to the Toxics Release Inventory. On Tuesday, December 26, OCSPP will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

PUBLIC EVENTS AND MEETINGS

January 9, 2018, Worker Protection Standard Presentation – An OPP staff representative will participate in a session on the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) with the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware in Harrington, DE during Delaware Ag-Week. This presentation, as well as another planned presentation in February, is the result of a controversial set of inspections/enforcement actions on WPS that were taken by EPA Region 3 with growers in Delaware. As part of the negotiated settlement discussions, the need for additional education was raised.

January 10, 2018, American Beekeeping Federation - Rick Keigwin, Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs, will be attending the annual meeting of the American Beekeeping Federation in Reno, Nevada, where he will be providing an update on EPA's pollinator protection efforts. He will also meet with individual beekeepers to listen to their concerns and to learn about new technologies they have been developing to control varroa mites.

January 12, 2018, Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference - Rick Keigwin will be attending the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference in Savannah, Georgia, where he will be providing the grower community with updates on the implementation of the agricultural worker protection standard and the certification of pesticide applicators rule, as well as responding to questions regarding the new requirements for the use of dicamba in 2018 and other pesticide issues of importance to growers in the Southeast. He will also be meeting with staff from the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Georgia Department of Agriculture to discuss opportunities for increased collaboration and cooperation.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Issues

- The House of Representatives and Senate are expected to pass a short term continuing resolution funding the government through January 19.
- The House of Representatives passed an \$81 billion Supplemental for disaster relief for Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria. The bill includes \$6.2 million for the Superfund account and \$7 million for the LUST account.

Upcoming Public Events

- N/A

Upcoming Major Decisions

- Finalizing the final draft *FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan* for submission to OMB by December 22. The final draft Plan reflects **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
- Agency review of draft *FY 2017 Annual Performance Report* and two-page performance highlights concludes December 22. The APR presents results against budget measure targets in the *FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan and Congressional Justification* and will be part of the *FY 2019 CJ*.
- A memo to announce 2017 Enterprise Risks and to gain senior leadership support in developing priority area action plans to address the risks will be sent to senior leaders this week.
- A memo to announce the launch of the new Performance System will be sent to senior leaders this week.

Last Week Highlights

- N/A

Other

- Working with programs on draft FY 2018-2019 budget performance measures/targets due to OCFO on December 22.
- Working with NPMs to develop FY 2019 President's Budget submission materials and to coordinate briefings with OMB staff. Budget Justification Narratives are due to OCFO January 4.

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

- *Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines*

- *Upcoming Events*

- **TBD Week of January 1** – SEPW request for briefing on EPA PFAS activities
- **January 23-24** – EPA is partnering with the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) and the Intestate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- **January 24- 26** – US conference of Mayors will host its 86th annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC
- **January 30** (tentative) - Superfund Oversight hearing before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Environment (Witnesses: Kell Kelly, Barry Breen)

- *Past week accomplishments*

- **December 18** – Notification of draft risk assessments for glyphosate w/OCSPP
- **December 19** – Notification of the proposal to find that grain sorghum oil qualifies for advanced biofuel and biomass-based diesel designation under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program.
- **December 20** – Sen. Boozman (AR) and water associations meeting on draft WIFIA WIN Act w/OW
- **December 20** – Notification of final rule re CSO notification requirements in Great Lakes basin
- **December 21** – Notification of round three final area designations for SO₂ under the 2010 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
- **December 21** - OCIR staff spoke with Sen Schumer's office about locomotive emission credits.
- **December 21** – Senate Ag staff TA on draft FIFRA/ESA bill w/OCSPP, OGC)
- **December 22** – Cong. Latta (OH) staff briefing on antimicrobial copper w/OCSPP
- **December 22** – Planned notification of 120-day letters to governors in over 30 states and territories and tribal leaders in nearly a dozen tribes, indicating our suggested designation for areas under their jurisdiction for the 2015 ozone NAAQS

- *Ongoing activities*

- **FY18 Appropriations:** A short-term continuing resolution extending the government's funding until January 19, 2018 was passed by Congress.

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance**Hot Issues****Volkswagen Civil Case:**

- OECA anticipates that **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- EPA and CARB issued an approval to VW for an emissions modification for the larger 3.0 liter passenger cars covering model years 2014-2016 Audi A6 Quattro, A7 Quattro, A8, A8L and Q5 diesel vehicles. Once the emissions modification is applied, the vehicles will be brought into compliance with their certified emission standards (therefore no buyback option will be available to consumers under the terms of the coordinated 3.0 Liter settlements among EPA, CARB, FTC and the consumer class action). EPA and CARB will continue work to review the remaining emissions modifications for the Generation 1.1 and 1.2 3.0 Liter vehicles.

Upcoming Events/Public Meetings

On December 21st, Susan Bodine and Patrick Traylor will meet with the leadership of ECOS to discuss compliance and enforcement priorities.

Upcoming Major Decisions

None.

Last Week's Highlights

Meeting with USDA on Superfund Task Force: On December 19th, OECA's Federal Facilities Enforcement Office met with the USDA to discuss the Superfund Task Force. These discussions occurred as part of a quarterly meeting with the USDA organized by OLEM's Federal Facilities office. USDA was particularly interested in Recommendation 30, which addresses revising Agency policies and agreements to incentivize redevelopment. We are scheduling a follow up meeting with USDA to further explore their perspectives on Recommendation 30.

Clean Air Act Civil Settlement: On December 18th, the Southern District of Texas entered a Stipulation of Settlement resolving an action against Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. (MSCG) for violations of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The company agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1,119,000 to resolve violations stemming from the production of gasoline that did not meet fuel standards. MSCG produced approximately 97.3 million gallons of gasoline by blending previously certified gasoline (PCG)

with blendstocks at the Kinder Morgan terminal in Pasadena, Texas in 2013 and 2014. The fuel MSCG produced did not meet the CAA reformulated gasoline volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions performance reduction standards that apply to gasoline produced by adding blendstocks to PCG. MSCG self-disclosed these violations to the EPA under the EPA's Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations.

RCRA Criminal Sentencing: On December 14th, Boasso America was sentenced in the Southern District of Georgia for the illegal transportation and dumping of hazardous waste in violation of RCRA. Boasso will pay \$50,000 in restitution to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, a criminal fine penalty of \$500,000, and has agreed to establish, implement, and enforce an effective environmental compliance plan.

In February 2015, approximately 90 drums and containers were dumped onto CSX railroad property and other locations around Savannah, Georgia including at a residence. Labels on some of the drums and containers indicated the waste was generated from Boasso America Corporation, a depot and transportation services company, providing local and long-haul trucking, tank cleaning and terminal services. Some of the drums contained naphthalene, a known hazardous waste. Management of Boasso had requested that employees quickly remove and dispose of the drums in anticipation of an inspection.

This case was investigated jointly by EPA's Criminal Investigations Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Savannah Fire Department's Haz-Mat team, the Savannah Chatham Metro Police Department, the Pooler Police Department, and the Effingham County Sheriff's Office.

Biodiesel and Tax Credit Scam Criminal Sentencing: On December 20th, former Gen-X Chief Operating Officer and Vice President Donald Holmes was sentenced in the Eastern District of Washington to 78 months of incarceration, supervised release of 36 months, and restitution in the amount of \$15,693,341.67. On December 16, 2015, Holmes pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud and Conspiracy to Defraud the Government – False Claims for Tax Credits.

This investigation involves a multi-state scheme to defraud biodiesel buyers and U.S. taxpayers by fraudulently selling biodiesel credits and claiming alternative fuel tax credits. From March 2013 to March 2014, the co-conspirators generated at least 60 million fraudulent RINs that were based on fuel that was either never produced or was merely reprocessed at the Gen-X or SRC facilities. They received at least \$42 million from the sale of these fraudulent RINs to third parties. In addition, Gen-X received approximately \$4,360,700 in false tax credits for this fuel. CEO and Gen-X founder Scott Johnson and COO Donald Holmes each pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to defraud the government by making fraudulent claims for tax credits (18 U.S.C. §§ 286, 1349).

This case was investigated by EPA's Criminal Investigation Division, the U.S. Secret Service, and the IRS Criminal Investigations

Office of Environmental Information

-No report submitted-

Office of General Counsel

New Judicial Decisions

- The 9th Circuit denied without prejudice EPA's motion to dismiss LULAC's petition. EPA argued that the court lacked subject-matter jurisdiction because the petitioners had failed to exhaust their administrative remedies in challenging EPA's March 29, 2017, denial of the PANNA/NRDC petition to revoke chlorpyrifos tolerances. EPA argued that under the FFDCA, judicial review of a petition denial is only available following EPA's response to the administrative objections to EPA's petition denial. The court did not evaluate the substance of EPA's argument and made clear that it would permit EPA to repeat its jurisdictional arguments in its merits brief. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** (*LULAC v. Pruitt*, No. 17-71636 (9th Cir.))
- In a favorable decision in *Master v. Obama*. On 12/15/17, the District Court granted EPA's motion to dismiss due to lack of standing. Plaintiff alleged that EPA, NASA, NOAA, President Obama, and Sen. Franken made false representations that humans have caused rising temperatures, which harmed the country and caused the plaintiff to be blacklisted from scientific journals and denied the 2012 Nobel prize. (*Master v. Obama*, No. 2:17-cv-05532 (C.D. Ca.))

New Complaints Filed

- On December 15, 2017, the American Bakers Association filed a petition for review of EPA's final action entitled, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Nutritional Yeast Manufacturing Risk and Technology Review; Final Rule." This was the only petition for review filed. Procedural motions in the case are due January 18, 2018; dispositive motions are due February 2, 2018. The American Bakers Association also submitted a petition for reconsideration of the final rule on December 15, 2017. (*Am. Bakers Ass'n v. EPA*, No. 17-1264 (D.C. Cir.))
- A challenge to the risk and technology review for the pulp and paper NESHAP was filed with the D.C. Circuit. Environmental petitioners also filed petitions for administrative reconsideration asking the agency to reconsider its decision not to establish standards for certain unregulated hazardous air pollutants (they argue we are obligated to do this as part of a RTR) and raising an issue regarding the use of the census block centroid in risk modeling for chronic health risks. (*Crossett Concerned Citizens for Environmental Justice v. EPA*, No. 17-1257 (D.C. Cir.))
- On December 19, 2017, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District, U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, U.S. EPA, and South Carolina Department of Transportation relating to the construction of Interstate 73 in South Carolina. The complaint alleges that EPA failed to exercise its mandatory duty over the Army Corps imposed by section 404 of the CWA. The complaint also alleges that EPA acted contrary to law when it failed to follow the 404(q) memo and failed to object to the

Corps' issuance of a 404 permit that violates the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. (*South Carolina Coastal Conservation League v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, No. 2:17-cv-03412 (D.S.C.))

- A petition for review was filed by AFPM challenging the 2018 Renewable Fuel Standards. Each year, EPA is required to set standards for four different types of renewable fuels to be blended into gasoline and diesel transportation fuel. The annual rule for 2018 (and 2019 biomass-based diesel) standards was published on December 12, and it appears AFPM filed a petition that day. (*American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers v. EPA*, No. TBD (D.C. Cir.))
- The National Parks Conservation Association, Sierra Club, and the Environmental Defense Fund have filed a petition for review in the Fifth Circuit challenging EPA's recent regional haze FIP addressing the best available retrofit technology (or BART) requirements for power plants in the state. Rather than requiring the installation of source-specific controls as proposed in January 2017, EPA issued a FIP that establishes an intrastate trading program for emissions of SO₂ similar to the CSAPR program in terms of its operation and budgets. Because of limitation on time, EPA did not provide an opportunity for public comment on the intrastate trading program as a means of addressing the BART requirements; the environmental petitioners have filed a petition under 307(d)(7)(B) asking EPA to reconsider certain aspects of our FIP. (*National Parks Conservation Association v. EPA*, No. TBD (5th Cir.))

Hot Topics

- On December 18, 2017, Public Citizen filed GAO bid protests on behalf of Fenton Communication and New Heights Communications. The protests allege that the Agency improperly awarded a \$125,000 sole source contract to Definers Corporation (Definers) for news analysis services. After reviewing the facts, the Agency determined that there was merit to the protest grounds and that Definers' contract should be terminated. On December 19, 2017, the Agency terminated Definers' contract. Accordingly, EPA plans to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5. Deliberative Process / Ex. 5. (*Fenton Communications v. EPA*, B-415800.1 and *New Heights Communications v. EPA*, B-415800.2)

New Petitions that OGC is Aware Of

- None that OGC is aware of.

Upcoming Public Events & Important Meetings in the Next Two Weeks

- Kevin Minoli will be out of the office from December 20 through December 26.

Upcoming Major Deadlines in the Next Two Weeks

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Office of International and Tribal Affairs**Hot Issues:**

None

Upcoming Engagements:

None

Past Week Highlights:

Mexico Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources - Administrator Pruitt and Secretary Pacchiano, Mexico Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), had a conference call this week. The Administrator reaffirmed EPA's commitment to bilateral cooperation with Mexico under the U.S.-Mexico Border Program and trilateral cooperation under the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The Administrator expressed an interest in meeting with Secretary Pacchiano in Mexico and also extended an invitation to the Secretary to join him in Oklahoma City for the CEC Council Session in June 2018.

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP): OITA held a webinar for regional offices regarding the eligibility requirements for intertribal consortia under GAP. Under the GAP statute, an intertribal consortium is defined as "a partnership between two or more Indian tribal governments authorized by the governing bodies of those tribes to apply for and receive assistance pursuant to this section." The goal in funding intertribal consortia under GAP is to build the capacity of their member tribal governments to administer environmental protection programs and to implement tribal solid and hazardous waste programs. To meet that goal, EPA requires intertribal consortia to provide some documentary proof that all consortia member tribes authorized the consortia to apply for and receive the grant on the tribe's behalf. However some intertribal consortia find it difficult to meet the "all tribes authorize the grant" standard and OITA is promoting national consistency in how we interpret and apply the requirement.

Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles Addresses Used Vehicles

OITA participated in a meeting of the Partnership for Clean Fuels (PCFV) Used Vehicles Working Group to discuss strategies for reducing harmful older vehicles in developing countries. EPA is a founding and active partner of the PCFV, which is a global, public-private partnership led by UN Environment, to reduce air pollution from transportation through promoting clean fuels and vehicles technology. PCFV successfully eliminated lead from gasoline and is also promoting clean, low sulfur fuels. The Used Vehicles Working Group is seeking to develop recommended strategies for developing countries to help reduce the vehicle age of imported vehicles. Many imported vehicles in developing countries are old and polluting. Policies to ensure newer imported vehicles would help reduce the air pollution impacts from older vehicles. The Working Group will develop a report on suggested strategies in early 2018.

Private Sector Roundtable on Food Loss and Waste

EPA (OITA/OLEM) participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) North America Liaison Office on “Private Sector Solutions to Food Loss and Waste”. Speakers included representatives from FAO, the National Restaurant Association, and Grocery Manufacturers Association. EPA (OITA/OLEM) also attended a workshop on “Farm-to-Retail Food Loss in Produce: An Exploratory Discussion on the Causes and Economic Drivers of Change” organized by the USDA Economic Research Service.

Office of Land and Emergency Management

Hot Issues

1. **Emergency responses to hurricanes and wildfires.** Large-scale responses continue in both Region 2 (Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands) and Region 9 (Northern and Southern California).
2. **Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR).**
 - a. OLEM is working with Region 6 and OGC on a proposal to approve Oklahoma's CCR state permit program. A letter of completeness was sent to Oklahoma on December 21.
 - b. OLEM, OGC, OP, and OA developed a plan to publish a remand rule in the Federal Register in late January. The package went to OMB on December 19, 2017.
 - c. We are working with the AO and OGC on answers to questions posed by Indiana.
3. **Clean Air Act 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP).**
4. **Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites (for example, B.F. Goodrich, East Chicago, West Lake, Gold King Mine/Bonita Peak, Hudson River, Portland Harbor, Mississippi Phosphates).** OMB has finished reviewing the next round of proposed and final rules to update the National Priorities List. We are preparing for **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
5. **CERCLA-EPCRA AFO-CAFO Rule.** The DC Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's motion to further stay the mandate until January 22, 2018. No reporting is necessary until the mandate is issued.

Upcoming Public Events

1. **WasteWise Awards.** OLEM is recognizing 16 organizations for their leadership in waste prevention and diversion through this year's WasteWise Awards.

Upcoming Major Decisions

1. **E-Manifest User Fee Final Rule.** **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Last Week Highlights

1. **Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket.** Since 1988, EPA has maintained a Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket under Section 120(c) of CERCLA, which requires EPA to establish a Docket that contains certain information reported to EPA by Federal facilities that manage hazardous waste or from which a reportable quantity of hazardous substances has been released. On December 8, a notice was published in the Federal Register that identifies the Federal facilities not previously listed on the Docket and Federal facilities reported to EPA since the last update in June 2017. The notice also includes a section with revisions of the previous Docket list and a section of Federal facilities that are to be deleted from the Docket. At the time

of publication of this notice, the new total number of Federal facilities listed on the Docket is 2,349.

2. **CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance for Hard Rock Mining and Mineral Processing.** The final rule is **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
3. **Meeting with Senate Environment and Public Works (SEPW) Staff.** OLEM briefed SEPW staffers to answer questions on the CERCLA and EPCRA reporting requirements in two separate calls on December 19th and 20th. The congressional staff had general questions on the guidance and on EPA's plans for implementing the reporting requirements. EPA also provided background on the regulatory history of the reporting requirements.

Office of Policy

-No Report Submitted-

Office of Research and Development

Administrator,

This week ORD held our first monthly business review meeting where we walked through dashboard analytics and discussed their meaning to ORD. We also discussed mission metrics data, challenges, and next steps. The meeting was instructive and will inform future meetings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Upcoming public events

People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Program

ORD's People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Program has just released its 15th Annual P3 Awards Solicitation. EPA offers the P3 Competition to respond to the technical needs of the world and to support education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This competition encourages interdisciplinary teams of college students to use STEM principles to create innovative projects aimed at researching and developing solutions to real world challenges. P3 includes four broad research categories that are within EPA's statutory authority, and this solicitation is requesting applications in the following areas:

- Improve Air Quality
- Provide Clean and Safe Water
- Prevent Contamination of Land, and
- Ensure Safety of Chemicals in the Marketplace

Release of Village Blue Web Application

The Village Blue project is providing real-time water quality monitoring data to the Baltimore community and is testing, evaluating, and developing water sensors to collect real-time water quality data. On December 26, the new Village Blue web-based application will be released to the public, along with a fact sheet and frequently asked questions. The app displays the data in a mobile-friendly, easy-to-understand format complimentary to work that a number of state and local organizations are already doing to make water quality data available to the public. The app will be linked from the Village Blue landing page, also to be released December 26: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/village-blue>

Helping Oregon Farmers Improve Farmland Management and Water Quality

On January 10, ORD will meet in Monroe, OR, with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Local Area Committee for the Upper Willamette and Upper Siuslaw Watersheds (UWUS LAC) to discuss potential ways to reduce nitrate leaching to groundwater in this area where nitrate contamination has been identified as a problem. ORD is leading a [study in Oregon's southern Willamette Valley](#) to determine best practices for minimizing nitrate leaching while maintaining crop yield. The study's findings, so far, about the most effective ways for farmers to waste less money on fertilizer that washes away, while protecting and maintaining water quality, are of interest to the UWUS LAC. ODA Local Area Committees are charged with developing Area Plans that identify strategies to prevent and control pollution from agricultural activities to achieve and maintain water quality standards.

Last week Highlights

New Approach to Identify Commonly Occurring Chemical Mixtures

A recently published news feature in *Environmental Health Perspectives* highlights ORD research to identify chemical combinations that most frequently occur in humans as measured in biomonitoring studies of the America population. The article is based on ORD research from the peer-reviewed publication in EHP [here](#). The researchers used an approach called frequent itemset mining (FIM) that was originally developed to identify commercial products that were most frequently purchased together. For their analysis, the researchers used the FIM approach to identify chemicals that most frequently appear together in the blood and urine of people throughout the US. These co-occurring chemicals can then be used to focus research efforts to understand the potential toxicological effects of relevant mixtures that occur in humans. Without identifying the most common co-occurring chemicals, a near infinite number of chemical combinations would need to be tested for potential toxicity. The full news feature can be found [here](#).

Online Particle Pollution Course Shared with Over 60,000 Health Care Professionals

The current edition of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Million Hearts e-Update, which goes to 60,000 e-mail subscribers, promotes the online continuing education training course developed by EPA and CDC for health care professionals. "[Particle Pollution and Your Patients' Health](#)". It provides evidence-based training about respiratory and cardiovascular health effects associated with particle pollution exposure and includes educational tools to help patients learn how to use the Air Quality Index to protect their health. The course is available for Continuing Medical Education, Continuing Nursing Education, and continuing education credit for other health care professionals and demonstrates the value of such partnerships to amplify EPA's public health research, messages, and reach.

***Bacillus anthracis* detection: ORD publishes Second Edition of protocol for EPA lab networks**

ORD recently published a second edition of the step-by-step [Protocol for Detection of *Bacillus anthracis* in Environmental Samples During the Remediation Phase of an Anthrax Incident](#) first published in 2012. This protocol includes three analytical methods and sample-type-specific processing procedures for the detection of *B. anthracis* spores in various environmental matrices (e.g., aerosols, particulates and drinking water). To simply detect the presence of the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) of *B. anthracis*, real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based sample analysis method is included. To detect whether [viable](#) *B. anthracis* spores are present in the samples, microbiological culture and ORD's Rapid Viability-PCR (RV-PCR) analytical methods are included. This edition includes analysis of additional sample types, and updated RV-PCR method. These updates are based on finding from recent research efforts, feedback from laboratories, and changing policies. This protocol has been specifically developed for use by the EPA's emergency response lab networks – the Environmental Response Laboratory Network and the Water Laboratory Alliance - for the analysis of environmental samples during an anthrax incident. Also, since this is an open-access protocol, it can also be used by the national and international biodefense communities.

Supporting Region 3 Efforts to Protect Natural Resources at Waste Site

ORD is providing technical support to Region 3 to help protect water bodies at several locations at the [Saltville Waste Disposal Ponds site](#) (Saltville, Virginia), a former chemical manufacturing facility. The effort includes containment of toxic wastes and installation of a sustainable, environmentally friendly barrier at various locations to protect humans, animals and ecological species and to prevent release of toxic contaminants to soil and water bodies. The selection of the barrier material considers use of

locally available cost-effective natural materials that are free from any detrimental contaminants of concern and capable of immobilizing toxics.

Office of Water**Hot Issues**

Vessels Permitting: On December 19, the Congressional permit moratorium for incidental discharges from all commercial fishing vessels and other small commercial vessels (e.g., utility vessels, freight barges, passenger vessels) less than 79 feet in length ended. As a result, approximately 125,000 additional vessels are now required to obtain NPDES permit coverage for these discharges, most likely under the Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP). Affected vessel owner/operators can obtain permit coverage under the sVGP by completing the one-page Permit Authorization and Record of Inspection (PARI) Form and retaining a copy of the signed form onboard the vessel.

Delegation of Authority: As early as today, OW anticipates sending a request to the Administrator to approve a temporary delegation of authority to the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator (PDAA) for the Office of Water, Benita Best-Wong. This delegation of authority will permit the Acting PDAA to take all necessary action in performance of functions and duties that previously were delegated to the Assistant Administrator (AA) for the Office of Water, and will be in effect from the date of Acting AA Mike Shapiro's retirement (December 31, 2017) until David Ross assumes his position as Assistant Administrator, expected on January 8, 2018.

Steam Electric FOIA: Next week, in response to a court order, EPA will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Waters of the U.S.: EPA has received approximately 4,600 comments on the proposed rule to add an applicability date to the 2015 rule, with seven mass mailer campaigns identified to date. The docket continues to process public comments and work is underway to parse the comments which will in turn allow staff to summarize issues in early January. In support of the step 2 rule, the staff team met with the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa on December 20 to present an overview of the rulemaking process and pre-proposal feedback received to date. The tribe intends to provide further feedback to the agencies. The agencies are also working with state associations to begin planning for further co-regulator engagement and plan to send letters to the RTOC chairs in early January to identify tribal representatives for engagement.

Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide: Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Class VI Implementation Manual for UIC Program Directors: As early as next week, EPA anticipates Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Lead and Copper Rule Federalism Consultation: On January 8, EPA will Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Upcoming Public Events

NONE

Last Week Highlights

San Juan Watershed Monitoring Program: Today, EPA finalized guidance for issuing CWA section 106 grants to implement portions of the San Juan Watershed Monitoring Program authorized by Section 5004(d) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (“WIIN Act”). Prior to issuing this guidance, OW worked with the affected Regions and consulted with states and tribes on the overall long-term monitoring program, including the specific amounts to be awarded to jurisdictions via 106 grants. Regions 6, 8 and 9 will now work with the jurisdiction to issue grants in accordance with the guidance. The target is to make grant awards by the end of February, in time for monitoring during the spring runoff period and thereafter.

Missouri Nutrient Criteria Rulemaking: On December 15th, EPA met its consent decree to have the proposed rule for Missouri numeric nutrient criteria (NNC) for lakes signed by the Administrator. The EPA proposal includes two options: one identical to a state proposal that is currently still in the state adoption process, and another that aligns with the state proposal in all but a few key respects. The proposal is anticipated to publish on December 27, 2017 for a 60-day comment period, ending on February 26, 2018. There will be two virtual public hearings on February 7 and 8, 2018.

Public Notification Requirements for CSOs to the Great Lakes Basin: This week, OW finalized a rule establishing public notification requirements for combined sewer overflows (CSO) to the Great Lakes Basin as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016. These notification requirements apply to 158 communities with CSOs that discharge to the Great Lakes Basin and address signage, notification of combined sewer overflows to local health departments and the public, and annual notice provisions. This rule protects public health by ensuring timely notification to the public and to public health departments, public drinking water facilities and other potentially affected public entities, including Indian tribes.

Availability-Based Project Waiver of American Iron and Steel Requirements, City of Jacksonville, IL New Water Treatment Plant Project: This week, EPA granted an availability-based project-specific waiver pursuant to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements to the City of Jacksonville, IL for the purchase of forty-five 14-inch uni-flange adaptors for the New Water Treatment Plant Project. This waiver permits the use of 14-inch uni-flange adaptors that have not been produced domestically because no known domestic manufacturer produces 14-inch uniflange adaptors that meet the project's technical specification. This is a project-specific waiver and only applies to the use of the specified product for the referenced project funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Any other project funded by either the Drinking Water or Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) that wishes to use the same product must request a separate waiver based on the specific project circumstances.

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Subject: talked to definers ..

Told them I would close the loop with them

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Subject: RE: FOIA Appeal to FOIA-HQ-2018-003680

Do these documents close out the 13 other FOIAs? If not, what else is out there that will be released?

Beth White
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All –

This is about the Definers media contract – want to make sure that everyone is aware of this. Per OARM, there are 13 other foias on this same topic/issue –

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Subject: FOIA Appeal to FOIA-HQ-2018-003680

Donna and Nancy –
The OGC attorney handling the subject appeal needs to provide a timeline (by tomorrow) for when we will be able to release the responsive documents to FOIA -HQ-2018-003680. Specific information about the FOIA is below.

I believe that this request will be completed and ready for production and release by COB April 23rd. We could possibly meet an earlier date, if needed. Please advise.

The responsive documents would also fulfill (partial or in full) other similar FOIAs.

Lynnann Hitchens
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Cc: Hitchens, Lynnann <hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: responsive documents

Good afternoon Nancy,
The request is EPA-HQ-2018-003680, appeal filed by H Kryczka/Environmental Advocates.
Documents redacted and uploaded to FOIAonline:
Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025
Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 MOD 1
Purchase Order EP-18-H-000025 JOFOC
Initial Statement of Work – Media Support Services
Final Statement of Work – Media Support Contract
Determinations and Findings 12-7-17
Supporting Memo 12-7-17

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and help with this.
Have a good evening,
Kristina

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Subject: responsive documents

Nancy – Kristina will be sending you the responsive documents directly, per our discussion. There are 14 requests similar to the one under appeal. Thanks for taking a look. Kristina will need to get back to the OGC attorney within a day or two.

Thanks --

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[Pallone Definers 1-5-18.pdf](#)
[DeFazio Definers 1-3-18.pdf](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf](#)
[Definers contract documents.pdf](#)

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Cc: Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers Oversight response

Hi Nancy,

Our response to congressional oversight requests about the Definers contract is now ready for signature. I’m attaching the 3 incoming letters, our responses and the redacted documents that we’ll send as enclosures. This response has been reviewed and approved by OARM, OGC, and OCIR. Please let us know if you or Liz have any feedback or questions. I’d be happy to print it out for Liz to sign if you can point me towards OPA letterhead. My understanding is **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** hearing next week.

Thanks,
Kristien

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To: Julia Cotrone[jcotrone@definercorp.com]
Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 1/29/2018 5:10:25 PM
Subject: FW: Definers contract documents for CBI review
Definers contract documents with proposed redactions for CBI review.pdf

Hi Julia,

Please see below and attached and let me know if there is anything further that you would claim as CBI – confidential business information.

Thanks

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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers contract documents for CBI review

Hi Nancy – As part of our response to congress about the Definers contract, we are planning to send a set of documents from OAM relating to the contract. The set may contain Confidential Business Information (CBI) that Definers would not want to release (most notably, cost breakdowns). We have proposed redactions in the attached set – Would it be possible for you to get this to Definers to ask if they are claiming anything else as CBI?

We are aiming to release these on Monday.

Thanks,
Kyle

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 1/29/2018 11:53:02 AM
Subject: FW: Carper - Definers response
[Whitehouse News Analysis 1-18-18 es cy3 kk.docx](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 1-26-18.docx](#)
[Whitehouse News Analysis 12-19-17.pdf](#)

Per my earlier message

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 11/7/2017 12:57:59 PM
Subject: opa budget

Campaign Monitor software -- \$150/month

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Frames for hallways -- \$3500-\$6600

RWA for wall repairs and hanging new photos -- \$20,000

Cubicle enlargement in 3407 -- \$

Challenge coins -- \$2500

Translation Services - \$

SEE employee -- \$36,000 - contract expires 2/18

EPA ID clothing --

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 3/28/2018 3:58:16 PM
Subject: FW: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC
SOW.Final.11.08.17.docx

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Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Hi all—

Here's the SOW with the instructions, evaluation, and IGCE included at the end. I'm still waiting for a bit of information from Definers to complete the JOFOC, but I'll send it as soon as I have it.

Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
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Michael

Thank you.

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Hello,

I will be attaching this document in lieu of FITARA. Thank you.

Have a great day,

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Thanks all

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I appreciate everyone coming out so we can continue to progress toward this solicitation. Per our meeting this week I have attached documents to be finalized for the Approved Procurement Plan (APP) (in which Michael would prepare). Please address all issues discussed. Under the additional notes I believe the only item left is getting the FITARA document. Please let Jody or I know if you need further information or any questions for JOFOC or any of these other attachments. Again Thanks.

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Sent: Mon 1/29/2018 11:52:06 AM
Subject: FW: Selected Incoming FOIAs -- week of 5/8/2017
[Selected FOIA Requests. general. 05.08.2017.docx](#)

Please see answers below and a referenced attachment.

I have not provided answers where I had no knowledge of the issue.

Also, under separate cover, I will forward a response to an oversight inquiry on this topic – which Kristien Knapp is working on. That letter and its attachments can be used for this response as well.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks ng

Contract with Definers Public Affairs:

OPA/OGC On the day you testified before Energy and Commerce, EPA entered into a no-bid contract with Definers Public Affairs to provide “news analysis and brief service focusing on EPA work and other topics of interest to EPA.”^[1] The awarding of this contract without full and open competition to a company with no apparent experience in providing these services to a Federal agency is concerning, as are the political lobbying activities of the firm. Though Definers recently terminated the contract with EPA, we have outstanding questions regarding EPA’s selection of Definers and whether the Contract was an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

1. What was your role in selecting Definers for this award? In addition to yourself, which EPA political appointees were involved in selecting Definers? Please provide all communications between yourself and all other EPA political appointees and any Definers representative between February 17, 2017 and December 7, 2017.

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3. Was Definers, AmericaRising, or any of their agents involved in creating or funding the website ConfirmPruitt.com?

4. Were you, any of your agents, or any current EPA employees involved in generating or reviewing the content of the website ConfirmPruitt.com, or providing or raising funds for the site? Did any representative of Definers, America Rising, or America Rising Squared generate or review content for the website?

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6. On December 10, the New York Times published an article identifying an alarming decrease in enforcement actions brought by the EPA during your administration.^[2] EPA issued an unusual press release in response, which has since been removed from the agency website but continues to be cited by conservative media sources. What role did Definers play in the agency's response to the December 10th article? Provide any correspondence between EPA and any representative of Definers, America Rising, America Rising Squared, and the Need to Know Network regarding the December 10th article.

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7. What firewalls were in place in the contract with Definers Corp to ensure that Definers firewalled the media monitoring services provided under the Contract from its services that would violate the Publicity or Propaganda Prohibition and Anti-Lobbying provisions?

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8. Please provide a copy of the contract between EPA and Definers Corp. including any statement of work.

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^[1] EPA Award Number EP18H000025 to Definers Corps. (Dec. 7, 2017)

^[2] Eric Lipton and Danielle Ivory, *Under Trump, EPA has Slowed Actions Against Polluters, and Put Limits on Enforcement Officers*, New York Times, (Dec. 10, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/10/us/politics/pollution-epa-regulations.html>

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Hi –

As you can see in the below – we are working to diminish our CMS backlog.

Maggie and I would like to meet with you this week (any day but Friday) to discuss how we get these across the finish line.

Thanks ng

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Nothing on Definers. For Harvey/Superfund, how’s this from QFRs:

Draft response:

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For Definers .. Kistien Knapp .. OCIR -- can help –copied her here -- they did a congressional letter.

And for Hurricane Harvey – copying David Gray in Region 6 to see if **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: D'Andrea, Michael
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>
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Rebecca Leber, Andy Kroll and Russ Choma Dec. 15, 2017 6:00 AM

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/18/2017 7:18:22 PM
Subject: FW: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

this is what we need to talk about – see #3 below – as well as the matter keith raised with me on Friday. Please let me know when we can connect thanks ng

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

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From: Friedman, Lisa [<mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

Hi folks. I have a few follow up questions on the nature of the contract with Definers I hope you can answer.

1. The contract itself notes that it was a sole-source notification, a no-bid contract. Can you explain to me why this qualified as a no-bid contract. Are they the only company that can provide this service? Unique in some way? Is there any written justification that was conducted that you can provide me?
2. You noted in an earlier response to me that in a sole-source notification a notice must be placed on federal websites to other vendors may provide proof of their ability to conduct the services. In this case, you noted, one additional vendor did so. Can you please provide the name and/or response itself of the company that responded?
3. The contract notes that Definers is self-designated as a disadvantaged business. Executives at Definers said they believe that is a clerical error and that they did not purposely claim any disadvantaged status. Can you please explain to me why the company is designated as such, how that came to be, and if any benefits were incurred to the company because of that status.

Thanks so much,
Lisa

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To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 3/9/2018 3:06:48 PM
Subject: FW: EPA and Go BIG Media, Inc.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan

Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 10:02 AM

To: Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net>

Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: EPA and Go BIG Media, Inc.

“We had two options: one vendor was \$29,140 and the other was \$6,500, but ultimately this document was made in-house. This pales in comparison to the previous administration that paid \$570,000 to a Democratic campaign manager’s PR firm to run EPA’s What’s Upstream campaign.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

On Mar 9, 2018, at 9:35 AM, Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net> wrote:

Hey guys,

It’s Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Go BIG Media, Inc. and EPA. Go BIG Media, a Republican media firm, signed a contract with EPA last month to help produce an “end of year report” (<https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/61802028>). I had some questions for you about this, which are:

- Did Go BIG Media, Inc. work on EPA’s “EPA Year in Review 2017-2018” report (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf)? If so, what exactly did Go BIG Media do on the report? Editing? Graphics? Design? Please be specific as possible.
- Did EPA pay Go BIG Media for this work on the report? If so, how much? According to [USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) data, \$0 of the contract has been obligated but Elliot Fuchs, Go BIG Media’s controller, told me that EPA did pay the firm \$6,500 for its work for the agency. I wanted to check that with you to make sure it was accurate.
- How did Go BIG Media end up doing this work for EPA? Who contacted who first?
- Is Go BIG Media’s work on this report required under the contract Go BIG Media signed with EPA last month for “design, graphics, production and edits of the EPA end of year report” (<https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/61802028>)?
- The [USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) data shows there were two offers received for this contract. Who else bid for this contract?
- Go BIG Media is a Republican media firm. The last time a Republican firm, Definers Corp., had a contract with EPA, Definers ended up losing its contract with EPA. Are you worried about a similar backlash to this contract?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is 12:30 pm EST today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 1/4/2018 3:25:16 PM
Subject: RE: Definers info per our discussion

Will review thanks ng

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From: Aarons, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Yaeger, Ryan <Yaeger.Ryan@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers info per our discussion

Thanks Nancy. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**. Please take a look and let me know what you think. I'll be at my desk most of today (and tomorrow) if you'd like to discuss.

-Kyle

Kyle Aarons
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:48 AM
To: Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers info per our discussion

Please see attached and let me know if this works for responding to the oversight correspondence on this matter. Once you have reviewed, we should probably run it through OAM and OGC to make sure it is fully accurate.

Thanks ng

To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 12/4/2017 5:28:39 PM
Subject: FW: Link to Procurement Announcement

More on this issue – which continues to raise my concerns.

Thank ng

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy,

I attempted to register for the site but the approval person for EPA retired about 6 years ago. Upon doing more research I found that we do not need to register, the information is all there. Registration would be for a vendor who would like to apply for a posting. Please see below.

This is just a notification of a sole source and Donna would receive any inquiries from other vendors. We wouldn't be able to see those as she is the contact person. It looks like they did not put any specific requirements in this Sole Source Notification. Hope this help, if not feel free to call me.

Have a great day,

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Opportunity: Media Support/News analysis service

Description

Sole Source Notification for News analysis and brief service focusing on EPA work and other topics of interest to EPA. The intended awardee is Definers Corp, 1500 Wilson Blvd #5, Arlington, VA 22209-2458 - Phone# 571-290-5481

Overview

Reference number: 68HE0H18B0002

Issue date: 11/29/2017

Response due:

Set Aside: N/A

NAICS: 541820-Public Relations Agencies

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Agency: EPA

Contracting office:

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Vendors conference:

Location:

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Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Link to Procurement Announcement

Michael,

Do you have a password/access to fedbiz so we can fully see what was posted in terms of requirements? Thanks ng

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy—

Here's the link to the Definers notice on FedBizOpps. It links to FedConnect as well, but you have to search for it and the site doesn't provide a link to the specific entry, even once you've searched. In any case, it doesn't say much more than the FBO link:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=479f24101a13dd3ab53e37f06c231a4f&tab=core&_cview=0

Also, I wanted to ask...

In Donna's last email she said:

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The point, for us, is that this isn't adequate, right? In other words, **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** from Definers?

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To: Packard, Elise[Packard.Elise@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 1/2/2018 11:47:19 PM
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Thanks much

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☺ But let me check.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 7:41 AM
To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>
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Hi Elise,

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:19 PM
To: Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Nancy and Helena,

There were two (2) GAO protests filed by two (2) separate interested parties. The GAO case numbers were B-415800-1 and B-415800-2. Normally the details of the protest such as the allegations filed against EPA and the GAO decisions is made publicly available through GAO online (see links below). Since the Agency, EPA, conceded to a need for corrective action, this may have effected why the full details are not disclosed publicly as per GAO procedures it could take months to make available following a decision of corrective action. Another reason maybe it's subject to a protect order. Otherwise,

GAO seeks to issue decisions that provide meaningful and transparent explanations for their rulings. You are very fortunate to have a very proactive, solution-driven Champion in Michael Q. who has already coordinated with me to learn more of the ins and outs of sole sourcing.

Either way, (1) I am planning to

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Links to the GAO Protest:

<https://www.gao.gov/mobile/docket/B-415800.1>

<https://www.gao.gov/mobile/docket/B-415800.2>

I hope this helps and we will gladly

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Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Nancy and yes it would be good to see that GAO correspondence.

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On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:42 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. may we get a copy of any correspondence to GAO re: the corrective action? Also, which OGC attorney worked on this? thanks ng

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Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend. The funds have already been de-obligated and as I recall I was able to confirm this in Compass Data Warehouse. Also, the GAO protest of this action was dismissed by GAO last week after our attorney indicated corrective action would be taken. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC
(202) 564.6025 Office
On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. please let us know when this is complete – as we would

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Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 **(mobile)**

From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will generate a final bilateral modification to definitize Definers Corp's decision and will get it to you as quickly as possible. This forthcoming modification will serve as the final step and we can close this out. I will be in contact with you soon. Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC

On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone

<jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna

<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (l) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

(l) Termination for the Government's convenience. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice**

of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

OAM/HPOD/PCSC

From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>;

Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone
<jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna
<brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

OAM/HPOD/PCSC

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Julia Cotrone

O: [571.290.5461](tel:571.290.5461) | C: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

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Julia Cotrone

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 12:34:54 PM
Subject: Re: Definers - George, just checking in .. michael quarles seems to think you did some market research on this .. is that the case? we need it for sole source justification thanks

TD

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 8:33 AM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy,
I'm in training today but will get you an answer at our lunch break.- George

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 24, 2017, at 6:48 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 9:36:13 PM
Subject: RE: Definers

If we could lock in next Thursday morning that would be great. Otherwise this upcoming Friday works (I cant be part of it).

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

That makes sense. I'm asking Joe to give me a demo. I would do it on Thursday, but [Personal Matters / Ex. 6]. If you would like to be part of the demo, I could find another day. - George

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

Thanks man! I am out on Friday but the rapid response clips are helpful and the interns doing a great job but we miss stuff late at night.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:53 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Definers

I'm trying to get a time set up with him on Friday. - George

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Definers

Where are we on setting up a call with Joe. I really don't need to do a call, I know the quality of their product. Last night a story about in the NYT and would've been nice to have someone at the helm to send that out as it happened.

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
Work Cell: [Personal Phone / Ex. 6]
Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:44:56 PM
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

Thanks

Nancy Grantham
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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

Here is an update from my end. Julia Valentine and I continued to work with the contracts officers on moving this forward last week. Contracts **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** Definers will need to be on a list of approved contractors for EPA to award the contract. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 I will keep you updated as we move forward. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Definers

I have been told by contracts that this is **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
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Thanks ng

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Update on Definers

George –

Personal Matters / Ex. 6 so no need to respond but where are we on Definers doing all of our clips? Hope you have a great weekend.

Strategic Communications Advisor

Work Cell: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 10/24/2017 10:48:27 PM
Subject: Definers - George, just checking in .. michael quarles seems to think you did some market research on this .. is that the case? we need it for sole source justification thanks

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:02:08 PM
Subject: RE: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

Thanks

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

Yes, I'll update you when I'm out of this meeting in a half hour. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 7:51:33 PM
Subject: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
Cc: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 8/29/2017 12:04:44 PM
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Thanks .. I will also need the contacts at definers ..thanksng

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Absolutely. Donna Dews is the contracts officer. I've also been working with Jody Gosnell, who is Donna's team leader. - George

-----Original Message-----

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Thanks -- George, can you connect me with folks in OAM/contracts who are working on this .. so I can pick it up when you head over to olem.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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-----Original Message-----

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Last week, I set up a call with contracts to Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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In addition to the information that was provided in the PR, contracts sent me a form for Justification of Non-Competition. I've Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- George

-----Original Message-----

From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:55 AM

To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>

Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: Status of definer contract? Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Julia Cotrone
Sent: Fri 9/22/2017 7:13:21 PM
Subject: Re: Checking in

Hi George,

Good luck in your new position and thank you for Nancy's contact.
Thanks!

On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 3:01 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

Julia,

I'm changed positions in EPA. Nancy Grantham in the Office of Public Affairs is your new contact for this. She can be reached at [202-564-6879](tel:202-564-6879). - George

From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:20 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Checking in

Hi George,

Hope you are well! I just got notified that our registration is now activated for Definers in the SAM system. I just wanted to check in and see if you needed anything else from us? Ive been out most of September so I apologize for not checking in sooner!

Thanks!

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Julia Cotrone
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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Julia Cotrone
Sent: Wed 9/20/2017 12:19:36 AM
Subject: Checking in

Hi George,

Hope you are well! I just got notified that our registration is now activated for Definers in the SAM system. I just wanted to check in and see if you needed anything else from us? Ive been out most of September so I apologize for not checking in sooner!

Thanks!

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Julia Cotrone

O: 571.290.5461 | C



To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: McCluney, Lance
Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 9:04:19 PM
Subject: RE: Sole Source Justification

Thanks George.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:03 PM
To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Smoot, Nicole <Smoot.Nicole@epa.gov>; Ellison, Mardiko <Ellison.Mardiko@epa.gov>
Cc: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Sole Source Justification

+ Lance, Nicole and Mardiko. - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>
Subject: Sole Source Justification

Reggie,
Here is a sole source justification for the Definers Media Clips Service contract. Let me know if this works or you need more. –
George

Justification for single source:

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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 4:41:12 PM
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

Cool

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

Jahan,

I checked with Definers whether **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Also, just wanted to check, most of past leaders (appointed and career) have wanted **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

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George, do we now have everything we need to get this in the system and get it moving? thanksng

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

I would update this to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Additionally, in terms of **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 My suggestion would be **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Clips Service Contract

Hi Jahan,
Circling back to see if you have any comments, before we move forward on this. Thanks, George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov) <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Clips Service Contract

Nancy and Jahan,

Please find attached the draft "Statement of Work" for the Definers contract that we are developing. The Statement of Work is the section of the contract that lays out the details of what we expect the company to provide, parameters on delivery, timing, etc. I believe this language to be consistent with our conversations on the services we are seeking, but thought it was important that you review and have a chance to discuss or suggest changes. If you could get back to me on Monday morning, I can get any changes incorporated into the contract and continue forward. Thanks, George

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 10:40:07 PM
Subject: RE: Media Clips Service Contract

Thanks much

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
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(mobile)

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Clips Service Contract

Nancy and Jahan,

Please find attached the draft “Statement of Work” for the Definers contract that we are developing. The Statement of Work is the section of the contract that lays out the details of what we expect the company to provide, parameters on delivery, timing, etc. I believe this language to be consistent with our conversations on the services we are seeking, but thought it was important that you review and have a chance to discuss or suggest changes. If you could get back to me on Monday morning, I can get any changes incorporated into the contract and continue forward. Thanks, George

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 2:02:11 PM
Subject: RE: Call with Definers

I will come down ..thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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(mobile)

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Call with Definers

Nancy,
William Schenkel from Definers is calling me at 11:00 am to

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 Would you like to come down, or I can conference you in. - George

To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 1:14:05 PM
Subject: RE: have talked with contracts re: definers

perfect

Nancy Grantham
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(mobile)

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: have talked with contracts re: definers

I can come up now, if that works for you? - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: have talked with contracts re: definers

George,

I talked with contracts this morning and know what we need to do to move this. Please come up at your convenience so we can get the process underway.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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To: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 8:17:32 PM
Subject: FW: Where are we on getting a clips service?

Cool. Thank you!

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Where are we on getting a clips service?

I called Joe Pounder of Definers after you sent me his contact information. I left him a message explaining my interest. Surprisingly, he hasn't called me back. I'll try him again and also by e-mail. - George

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Where are we on getting a clips service?

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
Work Cell: Personal Phone / Ex. 6
Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Valentine, Julia[Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Cc: wschenkel@definercorp.com[wschenkel@definercorp.com]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Joe Pounder
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 9:13:02 PM
Subject: Re: Definers

No worries. I actually got tied up but can do 11:30am tomorrow if that works?

On Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Joe, my apologies, I got pulled into something else – please let me know when is the next time I can try you today, or in the morning. Thank you!

Julia P. Valentine

Assoc. Dir./Acting Dir.
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations

202.564.2663 direct

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From: Joe Pounder [mailto:jpounder@definercorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: wschenkel@definercorp.com; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers

Great. My cell actually might be better.

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On Aug 9, 2017, at 1:42 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Joe, thanks so much. Let me see if I can get contracts on the phone and then conference you in. the call will be form 202.564.2663.

Julia P. Valentine

Assoc. Dir./Acting Dir.
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations

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From: Joe Pounder [mailto:jpounder@definercorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: wschenkel@definercorp.com; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Definers

Hey Julia,

No problem at all. Unfortunately, our CFO is out this week but I'm available to answer any questions if they would like to email or give me a buzz at 571-290-5460. I'm available generally this afternoon until about 3pm and tomorrow morning as well if it would be better to set a time. Let me know. Thanks again.

Joe

On Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 11:46 AM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Joe and Will,

I'm pinch hitting for George this week while he is attempting to take a vacation. Our contracting office has a few questions. Doesn't sound like anything major but I'd like to facilitate a call asap, if possible. Would you please let me know who I can work with on your team?

Many thanks,
Julia Valentine

Julia P. Valentine

Acting Director
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe Pounder <jpounder@definerscorp.com>
Date: July 7, 2017 at 8:24:28 AM EDT
To: "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: William Schenkel <wschenkel@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re:

Hey George,

No problem. I'm adding Will who runs our war room here at Definers who can connect with you today or next week. Thanks

Joe

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 5:21 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Joe. The demo next week would be great. Also, is there someone I could speak to tomorrow to get a detailed description of how the 'war room' approach works? I'm trying to get an understanding of the unique benefits of your approach. Thanks, George

From: Joe Pounder [mailto:jpounder@definercorp.com]
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 4:32 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject:

George,

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To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: wschenkel@definerscorp.com; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 5:06:34 PM
Subject: RE: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Thanks

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)

Personal Phone / Ex. 6

(mobile)

From: Hull, George
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

The information was based on

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Thanks . . One questions is whether

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Copying Tricia Lynn as she is helping with this now.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:01 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: JOFOC for Media Support Contract

Nancy,
Attached is the last action I took on the Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition for the Definers contract. I never did receive a DUNS number from Definers. - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov) <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
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Jody,

I've attached a revised version of the Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition for the media support contract OPA is seeking. I have tried to address your earlier comments. Please let me know if you see any deficiencies in the information provided. Note that I have asked:

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From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 3:11:18 PM
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To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Definers

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Sent: Wed 10/25/2017 12:33:45 PM
Subject: Re: Definers - George, just checking in .. michael quarles seems to think you did some market research on this .. is that the case? we need it for sole source justification thanks

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On Oct 24, 2017, at 6:48 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (mobile)

To: Julia Cotrone[jcotrone@definercorp.com]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Fri 9/22/2017 7:01:26 PM
Subject: RE: Checking in

Julia,
I'm changed positions in EPA. Nancy Grantham in the Office of Public Affairs is your new contact for this. She can be reached at 202-564-6879. - George

From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definercorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:20 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Checking in

Hi George,

Hope you are well! I just got notified that our registration is now activated for Definers in the SAM system. I just wanted to check in and see if you needed anything else from us? Ive been out most of September so I apologize for not checking in sooner!

Thanks!

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Julia Cotrone

O: 571.290.5461 | C: Personal Phone / Ex. 6

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Tue 8/22/2017 9:36:05 PM
Subject: Media Clips Contract
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Michael,

I've taken the form that Donna Dews in Contracting sent to me and added language (in red) to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Can you take a look and give me a call. I would value your input on **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** also wanted to ask you **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**
Deliberative Process / Ex. 5 Thanks, George (tel. 202-564-0790).

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 8:01:17 PM
Subject: Re: any update on the definers/clips contract? thanks ng

Yes, I'll update you when I'm out of this meeting in a half hour. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 3:38:55 PM
Subject: Re: Media Clips Service Contract

Thanks, Jahan. I'll incorporate your edits and give Mr. Pounder a call to clarify. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 11:27 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

I would update this to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Additionally, in terms of **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Media Clips Service Contract

Hi Jahan,
Circling back to see if you have any comments, before we move forward on this. Thanks, George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov) <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Clips Service Contract

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To: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov)[grantham.nancy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 10:39:27 PM
Subject: Media Clips Service Contract
Statement of Work Media Clips 7-7-17.docx

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Organizer: Aarons, Kyle[Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]
From: Aarons, Kyle
Location: DCRoomARN3428/OCIR or call-in
Importance: Normal
Subject: Definers Public Affairs Follow-Up Letter
Start Time: Tue 6/26/2018 6:00:00 PM
End Time: Tue 6/26/2018 6:30:00 PM
Required Attendees: Yaeger, Ryan; Knapp, Kristien; Palich, Christian; Frye, Tony (Robert); Burke, Marcella; Grantham, Nancy; Konkus, John; Lyons, Troy

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wed 12/27/2017 7:36:44 PM
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Okay thank you.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
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US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 2:35 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

I’ve had a few conversations with the folks in PTOD, and while it looked as though this wasn’t initially the case, I spoke with them again just now and you’re right, they’ll count my experience. I’ll complete the Level II training as soon as I’m able.

From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

No your overall experiences with contracts or other related fields will provide you with your level. How long did you work in contracts? You can use that experience for your COR certification level.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager
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US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
Mail Code 6202A
(202) 343-9970

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

My understanding is that achieving level II requires a year’s experience as a level I. Is that not accurate?

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 1:40 PM

To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Looping Tricia – to have her respond to this issue.

Thanks

ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Nancy,

I approved Tricia's request. Do you know why she only completed COR Level 1? Most if not all are level 2 with a few that are level 3.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 11:25 AM
To: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Sorry .. I meant that it went to michael quarles

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From: McCluney, Lance
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Nancy,

I will see what I need to do. I did not receive any notifications.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi lance,

Tricia Lynn says that her COR certification paperwork is all complete – I have signed it – and is awaiting your signature.

Thanks ng

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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 7:56 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Cc: McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Nancy,

Yes, a PR is required to add funding to Cision. We are in the base period of the contract which is paid through April 30, 2018. If you are planning to

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Currently, you are listed as the POC but a COR should be added to this contract.

Have a great day,

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hi Michael,

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Nancy Grantham
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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Nancy,

I hope you had a nice weekend. The funds have already been de-obligated and as I recall I was able to confirm this in Compass Data Warehouse. Also, the GAO protest of this action was dismissed by GAO last week after our attorney indicated corrective action would be taken. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Have a nice day!

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC
(202) 564.6025 Office

On Dec 26, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks .. please let us know when this is complete – as we would

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Thanks ng

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From: Brown, Rayna
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com>
Cc: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>
Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will generate a final bilateral modification to definitize Definers Corp's decision and will get it to you as quickly as possible. This forthcoming modification will serve as the final step and we can close this out. I will be in contact with you soon. Have a nice day.

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown
Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
OAM/HPOD/PCSC

Sent from my iPhone

Kind regards,

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Service Center Manager
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(202) 564.6025 Office

On Dec 21, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Hi

I had sent the email below yesterday but am having difficulty finding in my email so I just wanted to resend to make sure you have and are aware.

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

Thanks

On Dec 20, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definercorp.com> wrote:

Definers will not seek payment or assert our rights under FAR 52.212-4

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response and returning the signed subject modification. In terms of additional steps necessary to officially end the process will involve whether or not Definers Corp wants to assert its rights under FAR 52.212-4 (I) terms and conditions—see an excerpt of the applicable clause language below. If Definers Corp is seeking, as a matter of its right, the payment of money arising under or relating to this purchase order and termination, then please submit in writing to me as the Contracting Officer with a level of detail consistent with the FAR 52.212-4 and sufficient for a Contracting Officer to determine that the costs were fair, reasonable, allowable, allocable and the facts justify the requested recovery of costs in a termination settlement (e.g. demonstrates that all reasonable steps were taken to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order). A final bilateral modification will be issued to definitize this aspect of the termination even if Definers Corp indicates that no costs will be claimed under the order and/or pursuant to the termination.

Please notify me of Definer Corp's intent regarding this matter and the Government will act accordingly. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you kindly and have a great day!

FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items.

(l) **Termination for the Government's convenience.** The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, **the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination.** The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. **The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.**

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

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From: Julia Cotrone [mailto:jcotrone@definerscorp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:09 PM

To: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Cc: jpounder@definerscorp.com; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Scott Cotter <scotter@definerscorp.com>

Subject: Re: PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ [URGENT]

Attached is signed copy of PO_EP18H000025_1_HQ (7 pages). See page 2 for signature as requested.

Please let us know if there are any additional steps we need to take on our end to complete this process. Otherwise please let us know when this process is 100% completed.

Thank you!

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Julia Cotrone <jcotrone@definerscorp.com> wrote:

Received

On Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov> wrote:

Contractor: Definers Corp

Purchase Order No.: EP-18-H-000025

Purchase Order Modification No.: P00001

Purchase Order Title: News Analysis Service

Subject: Unilateral Modification No. P00001

Please find attached modification P00001 to purchase order no. EP-18-H-000025 in order to cancel/terminate this order in its entirety via a Termination for the Government's Convenience effective December 19, 2017 and per the Contracting Officer's (CO's) conversation with Julia Cotrone with Definers Corp this morning. The Contractor shall immediately acknowledge receipt of this modification via email (please **DO NOT** include Group DDC-Customer) upon receipt of this email and correspondence and provide the signed page 2 of 7 to brown.rayna@epa.gov and dews.donna@epa.gov within two (2) business days. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day! ☺

Kind regards,

Rayna Brown

Service Center Manager, Contracting Officer

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To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wed 11/15/2017 10:21:03 PM
Subject: RE: I heard back from Definers

Thanks much .. you too

Nancy Grantham
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(mobile)

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: I heard back from Definers

Nancy—

Definers sent new information this afternoon. I haven't had a chance to look at it, but I'll try to get to it first thing tomorrow.

Thanks and have a great night!

--Tricia

Tricia Lynn
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U.S. EPA
Office: 202.564.2615

To: Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov]
Cc: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena[Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; McCluney, Lance[McCluney.Lance@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 12/5/2017 6:51:36 PM
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thanks

Nancy Grantham
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US Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Quarles, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; McCluney, Lance <McCluney.Lance@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

Just spoke with Keith about this matter. I explain we **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

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Keith is meeting with Donna and others to **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5** I am reaching out to Definers for an updated quote right now.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning,

Do we have an update on this time sensitive matter?

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 1:43 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi

I have met with Rayna Brown, Manager and we will get back to as soon as possible regarding this award. Thank you.

Donna Dews

Contract Specialist

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Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 8:50 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>

Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Good morning

I have meeting with Rayna Brown, Manager at 11:30aam regarding next steps after Special Notice was sent to public of intent to sole source:

Clarification from Manager:

- a) After special notice, which closes December 5, 2017 at 10:20am (dated posted 11/29/17) the post is for 5 days per Contracting Officer direction– Next action
- b) I have one capability statement and 2 emails coming against this being a sole source from companies-

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- c) There is no updated quote (unless it was sent since our last meeting/conversation) that I received from Definers, Corp., I received a cost breakdown and disclosure of cost in Statement of Work – I will find out from Manager if this is adequate instead of a quote which was originally the request

After I find out whether

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If you have questions, please

give me a call directly at 202-564-6752. Thank you.

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Dews.donna@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Thx

Sent from my iPhone
On Dec 1, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello All,

I apologize that you still have not received a response. I have not received an update on whether a request was ever submitted and/or received for an updated quote. However, during the last meeting we had, you asked what the next steps were and one of the next steps mentioned was once we received the final SOW from Tricia (which we did) Donna would need to request an updated quote from the vendor based on that revised SOW. In addition, prior to that meeting when we originally met to discuss the SOW because the original quote we received was basically a capability statement and it did not reference any parts of that SOW, it was stated then that the vendor would need to provide an updated or revised quote based on the any changes in the SOW. Hopefully, Donna can shed some light on whether she has already received the revised quote or an expected date on when she will receive the revised quote. Hope this helps. Jody

*Jody Gosnell
Contracting Officer/Team Leader
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena <Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi – we have not heard back on this – so are assuming that donna has in fact received what she needs from the vendor – and that if we do not have other vendors who reply to the notice, we will be able to proceed with awarding the contract.

Please let me know the date the 5 day posting expires.

Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy,

Donna should already have received either an updated quote or a quote that reflects the revised SOW and that would be good for 30 or 60 days.

Donna can you verify if you have received the information from the vendor? Thanks, Jody

Jody Gosnell
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Right .. I thought they needed to submit a formal quote so wanted to make sure they knew they needed to do within the 5 days.

If that is not the case, that is fine.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Lynn, Tricia

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:58 AM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Jody—

We still want to receive a quote from them to review their work and see that it meets our needs. We can do that, right?

--Tricia

From: Gosnell, Jody

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:56 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy,

I am curious as to why you would need to send it to them. This is a public notice to make sure there are no other vendors out there that can do it. If we don't get any responses then we will prepare the award and send that to the vendor. Typically we don't send it to them but since it is public record then if you want to you can. Jody

Jody Gosnell

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 8:29 AM

To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Brown, Rayna <brown.rayna@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

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Are we permitted to send to the potential contractor or will OAM do that?

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:14 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy

If you go www.fbo.gov and search by Environmental Protection Agency: Opportunities you will see Special Notice titled Media Support/News analysis service

www.fedconnect.net – public opportunities [Media Support/News analysis service](#)

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Thanks much .. can you give us the link to the notice? Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Dews, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:52 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Nancy

Special notice posted today at 10:29am. today.

Donna Dews

Contract Specialist

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi .. do we have an update on this posting? Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated Docs for PR-OA-17-00132 NEWS SVC

Hi Nancy,

She was working on a priority for Keith Stewart today. I just found out that she had some additional questions for me about what you all submitted but I have been having issues with my email today so I will provide her a response in the morning. Jody

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To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Thanks

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Hi Nancy,

Personal Matters / Ex. 6 and I did not receive a status update from her yesterday. I will follow up with you when she gets in this morning. Jody

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Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:20 PM

To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>

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Hi all –

Can we confirm that this was posted today? Thanks ng

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Hi Donna,

Can you please provide us with an update on the status of this PR? Jody

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Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 10:34 AM

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Thanks much

Happy thanksgiving

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Hi Nancy,

Personal Matters / Ex. 6 so it should be posted on the 27th. Jody

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To: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>
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Hi – just checking in on this – are we able to post the contract RFP tomorrow?

Thanks ng

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From: Gosnell, Jody
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 8:32 AM
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Hi Nancy,

Once we have the final documents, we will take one final look at them and if everything looks good we will post it. I would like to post it by no later than Wednesday morning. Thanks, Jody

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Thanks all –

Checking on status of ACC that Michael is working on.

Once that is done, what is our timeline for putting this on 5 day posting?

Thanks ng

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Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Dews, Donna <Dews.Donna@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Donna—

I apologize...I thought you just needed that so I could put it in the IGCE. Please see the attached email, wherein Definers quotes a price.

That said, they'll still be responding with a formal offer, correct? We're interested in being able to evaluate their work in as they respond to what we've put together in the SOW and instructions to offerors.

Thanks!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Importance: High

Hi All

I am still reviewing documents submitted (JOFOC and SOW) but we still need that Quote from the contractor (Definers). If you sent and I missed, I apologize. Again Thanks.

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:48 AM
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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Hi all—

Here's the SOW with the instructions, evaluation, and IGCE included at the end. I'm still waiting for a bit of information from Definers to complete the JOFOC, but I'll send it as soon as I have it.

Thanks everyone!

--Tricia

From: Dews, Donna
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Gosnell, Jody <Gosnell.Jody@epa.gov>
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Michael

Thank you.

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From: Quarles, Michael

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:44 AM

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Hello,

I will be attaching this document in lieu of FITARA. Thank you.

Have a great day,

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Thanks .. I think michael mentioned that we don't need the FITARA – rather he will have a statement re: security issues.

Thanks all

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Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:30 AM

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Hi All

I appreciate everyone coming out so we can continue to progress toward this solicitation. Per

our meeting this week I have attached documents to be finalized for the Approved Procurement Plan (APP) (in which Michael would prepare). Please address all issues discussed. Under the additional notes I believe the only item left is getting the FITARA document. Please let Jody or I know if you need further information or any questions for JOFOC or any of these other attachments. Again Thanks.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
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Subject: RE: Link to Procurement Announcement

Will have to check .. thanks ng

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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Link to Procurement Announcement

Hi Nancy—
Here’s the link to the Definers notice on FedBizOpps. It links to FedConnect as well, but you have to search for it and the site doesn’t provide a link to the specific entry, even once you’ve searched. In any case, it doesn’t say much more than the FBO link:

<https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=479f24101a13dd3ab53e37f06c231a4f&tab=core& cview=0>

Also, I wanted to ask...

In Donna’s last email she said:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

The point, for us, is that this isn’t adequate, right? In other words,

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

 from Definers?

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To: Lynn, Tricia[lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
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Sent: Mon 10/30/2017 9:22:44 PM
Subject: FW: Definers -- Clips

So you have this

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